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March 4, 2011

Subject: FILE NUMBER 65-HQ-38100
FOIPA No. 1145726- 000

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Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Enclosure(s)

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EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign polic y and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

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(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

June 8, 2011

Subject: FILE NUMBER 65-HQ-38100
FOIPA No. 1145726- 000

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Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents contained in ***volumes 5*** , ***6*** and ***14*** of FBI Headquarters file ***65-HQ-38100*** represent the third interim release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

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Washington, D.C. 20535

June 14, 2011

Subject: FILE NUMBER 65-HQ-38100
FOIPA No. 1145726- 000

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Enclosure(s)

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Washington, D.C. 20535

July 22, 2011

Subject: FILE NUMBER 65-HQ-38100
FOIPA No. 1145726- 000

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Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
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Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents contained in ***volumes 8, 9, 10*** and ***11*** of FBI Headquarters file 65-38100 represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

For your information, there is additional material which may possibly be responsive to your request. However, this material could not be located. When and if this material is located, should it be responsive to your request, it will be processed pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and you will be advised of the results.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

ATT: Assistant Director L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Re SAC Letter #70, dated July 18, 1951.

Transmitted herewith are two negatives of photographs of the subject. The first photograph (negative) is a bust photograph and was furnished the Pittsburgh Office in December, 1947, when this case was RUC'd from New York to Pittsburgh. It is not known by the Pittsburgh Office when this photograph was taken. New York has been requested by teletype to sutel the Bureau if their files reflect when this photograph was taken.

The second photograph (negative) is a photograph of the subject standing at a rostrum, delivering a speech and was furnished the Pittsburgh Office by the PITTSBURGH PRESS, a daily newspaper, in February, 1950; however, the exact date the photograph was taken is not known. It is believed that this photograph was taken in either 1948 or 1949, because the subject did not arrive in Pittsburgh as a CP functionary until October, 1947.

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There is also transmitted herewith a separate memorandum, consisting of an original and three copies, setting forth background information regarding the subject, in compliance with referenced SAC letter.

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1 - cc New York (Information)(65-5604)

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WILLIAM ~~X~~ ALBERTSON - PHOTOGRAPH

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
July 23, 1951

RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON — Summary
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, better known as BILL ALBERTSON, was born May 7, 1910 at Odessa, Russia, and has resided continuously in the United States since his arrival at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with his mother, ESTHER ABRAMSKI, nee ESTHER BASHEVSKY, on February 10, 1911. He received derivative citizenship through his mother, who was naturalized June 29, 1927, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ALBERTSON attended the Schenley High School at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from September 4, 1923 to June 29, 1927, graduating in the first fifth of his class with high honor. Thereafter, he entered the University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in September, 1927, taking a pre-medical course, but was dismissed from the University on May 2, 1929, for his activities in connection with the "Liberal Club." In this connection it is noted that ALBERTSON joined the Young Communist League of America at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1928 and served for a time as the Young Communist League District Organizer in Pittsburgh and the anthracite coal regions.

Leaving Pittsburgh, ALBERTSON moved to New York City where he resided from 1930 to October, 1947. At Brooklyn, New York on June 19, 1932, he married FRANCENE SCHNEEBERG.

While in New York City, ALBERTSON was employed as a labor union official in the capacity of a general organizer from 1932 to 1940. From 1940 to 1942, he was employed as a waiter. In 1942 and 1943, ALBERTSON was also employed as a labor union official - general organizer, associated with the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, American Federation of Labor, 752 8th Avenue, New York City. His activities in the Communist movement continued while in New York, and in 1942 he served as Secretary of the Labor Committee for the election of ISRAEL AMTER for Governor of New York on the Communist Party ticket. In 1943 and 1944, ALBERTSON held the position of Party Labor Secretary and was also a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party - USA. In 1944 and 1945, he was Vice President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association.

In 1946 ALBERTSON was appointed Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, and held this position until he was sent to Pittsburgh,

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Pennsylvania in October, 1947, to assume the position of Organizational Secretary of District 5, Communist Party covering Western Pennsylvania. The National Communist Party Headquarters in New York City transferred him from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Detroit, Michigan in April, 1950, to take over the duties of Trade Union Secretary of District 7 of the Communist Party, where he continues to be employed on a full-time basis.

ALBERTSON presently resides with his wife, FRANCENE, and two sons, at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan.

ALBERTSON is described as follows:

Race	White
Age	41 years
Height	5'-8"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black - graying, curly, thinning at temples
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Dark
Sex	Male
Characteristics	Heavy eyebrows Wears glasses with heavy horn rims
Social Security Number	113-12-4679

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WA 5 FROM PHILADELPHIA 7-21-51 140 PM

DIRECTOR.....URGENT.....

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT. BY TEL DATED JULY NINETEEN, NY ADVISED THAT FREDERICK WOLTMAN, STAFF WRITER, NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM AND SUN, STATED HE KNEW SUBJECT CASUALLY WHILE BOTH STUDENTS U. OF PITTSBURGH, NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE. HE SAID SUBJECT AND ONE ARTHUR MAC DOWELL WERE EXPELLED FROM THE UNIVERSITY WHILE MEMBERS OF LIBERAL CLUB FOR SOME INFRACTION OF UNIVERSITY RULES. WOLTMAN STATED BELIEVES ALBERTSON DURING COLLEGE DAYS WAS EDITOR OF QUOTE FIGHT UNQUOTE, ORGAN OF AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY. SAID MAC DOWELL WAS SOCIALIST WHILE AT UNIVERSITY, BUT UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER SUBJECT WAS COMMUNIST AT TIME. WOLTMAN SAID MAC DOWELL, ASSISTANT TO SAL B. HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT, UPHOLSTERERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, PHILA., HAS ALWAYS BEEN ANTI-COMMUNIST. NY REQUESTED PH INTERVIEW MAC DOWELL FOR ALL INFO. HE HAS REGARDING ALBERTSON DURING THEIR UNIVERSITY DAYS. ACCORDING TO NY TEL., PG IS PREPARING PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY ON ALBERTSON AND IS ORIGIN. FOR BUREAU-S INFO., ARTHUR GLADSTONE MC DOWELL WAS INVESTIGATED IN FORTYTHREE, CHARACTER - EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION - OEM, BUFILE SEVENTYSEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT FIVE THREE THREE. PHILA. INVESTIGATION INDICATED MC DOWELL WAS SECRETARRY OF SOCIALIST PARTY IN CHICAGO IN ABOUT THIRTYTWO. HE LATER QUIT SOCIALIST PARTY OBECTING TO PARTING SUPPORT OF THE ISOLATIONIST ISSUE AND BECAME A SUPPORTER OF SO-CALLED "NEW DEAL". COMPLETE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION NOT POSSESSED BY PH OFFICE. IN AUGUST FIFTY, IN THE CASE

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OF HAROLD JOSEPH GIBBONS, AKA., HAL, ERP, SL ADVISED OF NO INFO. INDICATING CP MEMBERSHIP FOR MC DOWELL. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO SL, HE MADE MOTION PASSED BY ST. LOUIS IUC, SPRING OF FORTYTWO, CONDEMNING SMITH ACT AND SUPPORTING TROTSKYITES CONVICTED AT MINNEAPOLIS. MOTION PASSED AFTER SPEECH BY V. R. DUNNE, VETERAN SWP OFFICER, AND ONE OF CONVICTED GROUP. MC DOWELL, WHEN INTERVIEW BY BUREAU AGENT, SEPT, FIFTY, RE GIBBONS, APPEARED FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE. BECAUSE MC DOWELL IS A UNION OFFICIAL, AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW HIM RE ALBERTSON.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
Criminal Division

July 27, 1951

Director, FBI

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
(PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST
FUNCTIONARIES UNDER THE SMITH ACT)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3074

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940
Bureau file 65-38100

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Reference is made to your memorandum of July 18, 1951. Attached hereto is one copy of the prosecutive summary report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 14, 1951, at Pittsburgh, concerning Albertson who is one of the "original 77." You are also being furnished with one copy of each of the enclosures submitted with that report as reflected on page 77.

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It is requested that you have this case reviewed and that you then advise this Bureau of your opinion concerning possible prosecution of the subject under the Smith Act. If you believe prosecution of the subject is warranted, a copy of this summary report and exhibits will be presented to the proper United States Attorney immediately upon receipt of your opinion.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - SPLIT
(PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST
DIRECTIVE FILES UNDER SMITH ACT)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-3-74

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940
Bureau file 65-38100

PURPOSE:

To advise you of the results of a review of the prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted] dated July 14, 1951, at Pittsburgh concerning the subject. b6 b7C

DETAILS:

Albertson is presently Trade Union Secretary, District No. 7, Communist Party, USA, at Detroit, Michigan, where he has been since April 1950. His case is one of the "original 77".

A review of the above-mentioned report reflects a strong case exists against the subject for violation of the Smith Act. It is noted, however, that the testimony of Matthew Cvetic is necessary to make this a strong case. There appears to be sufficient corroborating evidence to successfully prosecute this subject; but without the testimony of Cvetic it would not be desirable to proceed under the Smith Act.

The form of this report clearly shows the importance of Cvetic's testimony since he is identified therein by name, and it could be readily discovered by the Department when reading this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that one copy of this report together with certain exhibits be furnished to the Department. If Department agrees, there is attached hereto a letter to the Department requesting a prosecutive opinion.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: JULY 25, 1951 URGENT

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS - C, SMITH ACT. REURTEL JULY TWENTY ONE LAST. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO INTERVIEW ARTHUR GLADSTONE MC DOWELL FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: August 4, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Reurtel.

This is to advise that the information set forth in the prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted], Pittsburgh, July 14, 1951, (U) as furnished by Detroit Confidential Informant [redacted] is admissible evidence; however, it is pointed out that this informant is the only informant in the Detroit area who has access to Communist Party policy level information and who maintains contact with CP, District (U) 7, functionaries.

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In view of this information, further investigation was conducted for (U) the purpose of determining other informants who would be desirable for testifying to the information furnished by [redacted]

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(U) The investigation revealed that [redacted] was the only informant who could testify to any of the information related by [redacted] who should (U) be utilized under the present circumstances.

This informant can testify that the subject was Trade Union Secretary, CP, District 7, and that he had taken over some of the functions of CARL WINTER, when he was chairman of CP, District 7, during intervals when WINTER was out of town.

(U) The following background information concerning [redacted] is set forth for the information of the Pittsburgh Office:

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This informant joined the CP in 1943, at Detroit, Michigan. She is a high school graduate and has held several offices in the Party movement in Detroit. She was highly trusted by District functionaries. Her testimony is admissible, and she is available upon request. The informant recently appeared before the secret Grand Jury in New York and is awaiting a call to appear before the Washington, D. C. hearing on the Internal Security Act of 1950. (U)

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON IS-C SMITH ACT. REBUTEL AUGUST ONE LAST. SUBJECT OBSER
ED AT INTERSECTION OF CARR ROAD AND M-46 HIGHWAY NEAR MUSKEGON TODAY AND
SURVEILLED TO HIS RESIDENCE LOCATED AT ONE FOUR FOUR NINE COLLINGWOOD
DETROIT. SUBJECT [redacted] NOW AT HIS RESIDENCE. TWENTY FOUR HOUR SURV-
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KILLING ALLEGATION IS-C SMITH ACT. REBUTEL AUGUST ONE LAST. SUBJECT OBSERVED AT INTERSECTION OF CARR ROAD AND M-46 HIGHWAY NEAR MUSKEGON TODAY AND SURVEILLED TO HIS RESIDENCE LOCATED AT ONE FOUR FOUR NINE COLLINGWOOD DETROIT. SUBJECT [redacted]ON AT HIS RESIDENCE, TWENTY FOUR HOUR SURVEILLANCE BEING MAINTAINED. SUTEL ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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Enc: Mr. Belmont
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AUGUST 6, 1951 URGENT

SAC, DETROIT
PITTSBURGH

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT. REURTEL AUGUST FIVE LAST. YOUR ATTENTION DIRECTED TO BUTEL DATED AUGUST THREE LAST CAPTIONED "CP, USA - BRIEF, SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY," IN WHICH YOU WERE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATION AND APPREHENSION OF ALL SUBJECTS IN YOUR DISTRICT AT SUCH TIME AS APPREHENSION AUTHORIZED.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT. REURTEL AUGUST FIVE LAST. YOUR ATTENTION DIRECTED TO BUTEL DATED AUGUST THREE LAST CAPTIONED CP, USA - BRIEF, SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY, IN WHICH YOU WERE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATION AND APPREHENSION OF ALL SUBJECTS IN YOUR DISTRICT AT SUCH TIME AS APPREHENSION AUTHORIZED.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT. REMYLET TO DIRECTOR JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, LAST AND URTEL TO PGH. JULY SIXTEEN, LAST. PGH. NOT OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN THIS CASE BUT OFFICE OF PROSECUTION. PGH. DOES NOT HAVE SEVERAL NY REPORTS. NY AGAIN REQUESTED TO FURNISH PGH. WITH CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF SUBJECT-S PARTY ~~POSITIONS~~ POSITIONS HELD WHILE IN NY WITH ADMISSIBLE SOURCE FOR EACH. PARAGRAPH RE DUTIES OF ~~PSOXXX~~ POSITION NOT NECESSARY. NY ALSO REQUESTED TO INFORM PGH. AS TO ADVISABILITY OF UTILIZING IN SUPPLEMENTAL PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT INFORMANTS [redacted] AND [redacted] SET FORTH ON PAGE FOUR REFERENCED LETTER.

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DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC, DETROIT URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS - C, SMITH ACT. REMYTEL TO DIRECTOR JULY TWENTYONE, LAST. BUREAU ADVISED BY TELEPHONE JULY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, THAT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSIDERING PROSECUTION OF CP FUNCTIONARY IN STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA NEXT AND INDICATED APPREHENSION POSSIBLY WILL BE IN NEXT TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS. BUREAU INSTRUCTED THAT SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS MUST BE KNOWN SO SUBJECT CAN BE LOCATED WHEN NECESSARY TO APPREHEND AND INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT BE COORDINATED. REQUEST DETROIT FURNISH BUREAU AND PITTSBURGH DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE AS TO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE SUBJECT AND RESULTS OBTAINED. ALL PITTSBURGH CNDI-S ALERTED. PHOTOGRAPH FURNISHED BUREAU FOR PRESS RELEASE AND MENTIONED IN RETEL NOT ACCEPTABLE BY BUREAU BECAUSE THEY WERE OBTAINED FROM THE PRESS. PITTSBURGH HAS NO OTHER PHOTOS. DETROIT REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AND SUBMIT SAME TO BUREAU IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAC LET SEVENTY, JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 10, 1951

FROM : SAC Detroit

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re Pittsburth teletype to Detroit, August 6, 1951.

Transmitted herewith are six copies each of photographs of the captioned Subject for the Bureau and Pittsburgh.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

NAME William Albertson

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HAIR Black EYES Gray

SCARS & MARKS Wears horn Rimmed glasses.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. AUGUST 1, 1951 URGENT

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT. RE DETROIT TEL DATED JULY THIRTY ONE LAST. THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST FIVE NEXT NEAR GRAND RAPIDS SHOULD BE COVERED BY THE DETROIT OFFICE AND ALL NECESSARY STEPS TAKEN TO INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S SUBSEQUENT WHEREABOUTS WILL BE KNOWN TO THE DETROIT OFFICE.

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FBI DETROIT 7-31-51 6-17 PM EST MEB

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT. RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO DIR JULY THIRTY LAST. SUBJ APPEARED AT WEST MICHIGAN REGION COMMITTEE MEETING AT MUSKEGON ON JULY FIFTEEN LAST AND INDICATED HE WILL MEET INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE AT INTERSECTION OF CARR RD AND M FORTY SIX HIGHWAY NEAR GRAND RAPIDS UNDER UNUSUAL SECURITY CONDITIONS ON AUGUST FIVE AT ELEVEN AM. C ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO COVER THIS MEETING. SUBJ REPORTEDLY MOVING AROUND AND POSSIBLY USING NINETEEN FIFTY MAROON FORD, TWO DOOR BEARING NINETEEN FIFTY ONE MICH LICENSE DB TWO SEVEN FIVE THREE. CAR FURNISHED BY CHRIS ALSTON, EMPLOYED AS AUTO SALESMAN FOR R. JOHN GUZOWSKI, PROPRIETOR, HONEST JOHN-S MOTOR SALES, ONE ONE NINE THREE ONE JOSEPH CAMPAU, DETROIT. DETROIT INFORMANTS ALERTED AND MAIL COVER PLACED ON SUBJ-S HOME. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN EFFORT TO LOCATE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJ.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 13, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Rerep, SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 7/14/51.

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On Page 77 of referenced Prosecutive Summary report, the Bureau was advised that Exhibits # 4, 5, 7, and 17 would be furnished to the Bureau upon receipt at the Pittsburgh Office.

Exhibits # 4 and 5 have now been received by the Pittsburgh Office and two photostatic copies of these exhibits are being transmitted to the Bureau as an attachment to this letter. The exhibits are as follows:

Exhibit #4 — Photostatic copy of records maintained in the subject's Selective Service File. Certified photostatic copy is being maintained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office.

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Exhibit #5 — Photostatic copy of Marriage Records of subject. Certified photostatic copy is being maintained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office.

The New York Office advised in its letter of transmittal dated August 7, 1951, that the proper person to introduce the Marriage Records mentioned above would currently be:

FRANCIS J. SINNOTT,
Clerk of Kings County and
Clerk of the New York Supreme
Court in Kings County,
Brooklyn, New York.

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New York further advised that the proper person to introduce the Selective Service File of the subject, which is maintained at the Selective Service System's Records Division, 516 W. 34th Street, New York 1, New York, would currently be:

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To: Director, FBI
Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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August 13, 1951

AGNES T. DEGEN,
Assistant Chief,
Records Division,
New York City Headquarters,
Selective Service System,
205 East 42d Street,
New York City, New York

Exhibits # 7 and 17 will be furnished to the Bureau as soon as they are received at Pittsburgh.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Detroit

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DATE: August 17, 1951

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT

Reference Detroit call to Bureau, August 16, 1951 and Butel August 16, 1951 concerning Subject's approach to Agents of this office while surveillance was being conducted on Subject.

On August 15, 1951 Subject left his home at 1449 Collingwood and walked to an A&P Store on Hamilton Avenue. Two agents followed him on foot and the Agents in the cars followed at a distance. Subject entered the A&P Store and was followed by one of the Agents who took up a position in the store which position was subject to being changed as ALBERTSON moved around the store.

On completing his purchase at the meat counter, Subject directly approached the Agent. To make the approach, it was necessary for him to cross three aisles into which he could have turned and he made a definite attempt to go out of his way to contact the Agent. Upon reaching the Agent he stated in effect, "What does your boss want anyway? Tell him that he's going to have a law suit on his hands if an arrest isn't made soon or if this stuff doesn't stop."

Neither on this instance or at any other time during the surveillance have the Agents identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI.

MRS. WILLIAM V

Subject ~~ALBERTSON~~ is a highly important Party functionary. He is intelligent and extremely surveillance conscious. He disappeared from his usual haunts and his home on the morning of the publicity early in July indicating the apprehension of 17 Party functionaries and the fact that warrants had been issued for four more. Although strenuous efforts were made to secure some indication of his location, they were without success until approximately the fifteenth of July, at which time an informant advised the office that ALBERTSON had held a meeting of Party workers in western Michigan, had given instructions relative to the Party going underground and had made arrangements to meet the informant two weeks later on

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Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C,
SMITH ACT

Sunday, July 29, 1951 at an intersection of two highways on the western Michigan shoreline.

On the possibility that ALBERTSON would keep the appointment, although he had told the informant that the informant should not wait more than one-half hour if ALBERTSON did not appear, plans were made to cover the contact very discreetly so that ALBERTSON's whereabouts would be known so that a surveillance could be placed on him. The contact was made and ALBERTSON left some time thereafter heading for Detroit. His wife had returned from a vacation trip the day before.

A surveillance was maintained on ALBERTSON by Agents of the office entirely across Michigan and because of the highway driving and the ability of the Agents to stay some distance from him, it is definite that the surveillance was not made at that time. The coverage of the original contact had also been so discreet, so as not to compromise the informant, that it is definitely known the surveillance was not made at that point.

[redacted] indicated on Monday, July 30, 1951 that the Subject was aware of the surveillance. On instructions of the Bureau and the Pittsburgh Office that ALBERTSON is subject to immediate apprehension and that it was the responsibility of this office to be able to produce him when needed, the Agents conducting the surveillance were instructed to maintain a close surveillance and not to lose the surveillance in any eventuality.

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Since this surveillance began, it has been necessary to maintain a minimum of 10 Agents and most of the time 12 Agents during a 24 hour period so that 4 to 6 Agents would be on the surveillance at any one time.

Subject lives in a lower flat in a crowded neighborhood where the houses are close together and where not only is the street lighting poor but the alley in back of the house has no lighting whatsoever except any reflection from the homes. On the occasions when the Subject has left his home to proceed by automobile from one point to another, he has gone through various maneuvers, indicating he is very surveillance conscious.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT

It was early realized that if the surveillance on ALBERTSON was relaxed for a minute to permit him to disappear, he would not, of course, very likely be available at the time the warrant for his arrest is produced.

Close surveillance of the Subject will continue UACB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit the following message to: AUGUST 6, 1951

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SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, ID EASH C, SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY. REBUTEL AUGUST SEVEN. BUTEL OF AUGUST SIX WAS DIRECTED TO DETROIT OFFICE IN ANSWER TO DETROIT TEL OF AUGUST FIVE REQUESTING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO INSURE CONTINUED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS. BUTEL OF AUGUST SIX APPLIES TO BOTH YOUR OFFICE AND THE DETROIT OFFICE SINCE IT WILL BE YOUR JOINT RESPONSIBILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY EFFECT SUBJECT'S APPREHENSION WHEN AUTHORIZED.

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT, RE BUTWP AUGUST SIX, LAST, REFERRING TO PITTSBURGH TWL TO AUGUST FIVE, LAST. PITTSBURGH DID NOT TRANSMIT TELETYPE ON AUGUST FIVE, LAST., HOWEVER, DETROIT DID. REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE IF REBUTEL AUGUST SIX, LAST, WAS MIS DIRECTED.

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6-50 PM OK FBI WA DD

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Mr. L[illegible]
Mr. C[illegible]
Mr. C[illegible]
Mr. N[illegible]
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 7, 1951

FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

JMM:WGH:mkn

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
(Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Reference is made to your memorandum dated July 27, 1951 captioned as above. You attached to that memorandum a summary report concerning the subject.

The material which you have made available to the Department has been reviewed and it has been determined that prosecution of the subject for a violation of the Smith Act is warranted. It is therefore requested that as soon as practicable you make available to the United States Attorney in Pittsburgh the material in this matter for his study.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 20, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940
(Bureau File No. 65-38100)

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Rerep SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 7-14-51.

It has been noted that there are two dates in the above-referenced report which are incorrect, due to a typographical error, and are set forth hereinafter:

Page 27 - date should read 3-9-49 instead of 3-8-49

Page 58 - date should read 8-11-49 instead of 8-11-48.

It is requested that offices receiving copies of this communication make the appropriate changes mentioned above, and that the Bureau make the appropriate changes on its copies, as well as the copy furnished to the Department of Justice.

The Pittsburgh Office will make the appropriate changes on the copy in the possession of the U.S. Attorney at Pittsburgh, Pa.

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cc: Detroit (100-16560)
New York (65-5604)

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC DETROIT U R G E N T

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT. RE DETROIT TEL AUGUST SEVENTEEN LAST. WARRANT RE ALBERTSON MAILED AMSD THIS MORNING BY USM, PITTSBURGH, TO USM, DETROIT. CERIFIED COPY OF COMPLAINT RE ALBERTSON, ETAL, MAILED AMSD BY USA, PITTSBURGH, THIS AFTERNOON TO USA, DETROIT.

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CC: Mr Belmont

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FBI DETROIT 8-17-51 6-48PM EST NWW

DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT. SUBJ ARRESTED BY BUREAU AGENTS AT FOUR SIXTEEN PM THIS DATE ON US HIGHWAY TWENTYFIVE SIX MILES SOUTH OF FLATROCK, MICHIGAN. SUBJ BROUGHT TO DETROIT OFFICE AT FIVE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE, WAS PHOTOGRAPHED, FINGERPRINTED AND GIVEN A PERSONAL SEARCH. NOTHING OF VALUE PRODUCED AS RESULT OF SEARCH. INASMUCH AS NO JUDGE AVAILABLE COULD NOT BE ARRAIGNED AND POSSIBLY MAY NOT BE ARRAIGNED UNTIL MONDAY, AUG. TWENTIETH NEXT IF NO JUDGE AVAILABLE TILL THEN. AT REQUEST OF USA, EDWARD T. KANE, MR. GEORGE CROCKETT, WHO IS FAMILIAR TO THE BUREAU AND WHO IS ACTING AS ATTORNEY FOR ALBERTSON, WAS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO SUBJ. SUBJ WAS REMOVED TO WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN JAIL AT SIX FIFTEEN IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT TO INTERVIEW BY CORCKETT. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED WHEN ARRAIGNEMNT IS COMPLETED. PITTSBURGH REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHEN COPY OF WARRANT WILL BE RECIEVED BY DETROIT SO THAT SAME CAN BE READ TO SUBJ.

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cc: Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Transmitted herewith are three photographs each of the captioned Subject for the Bureau and Pittsburgh.

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100-16560 (Encl)

cc; Pittsburgh (Encl) (65-749)

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Albertson photograph

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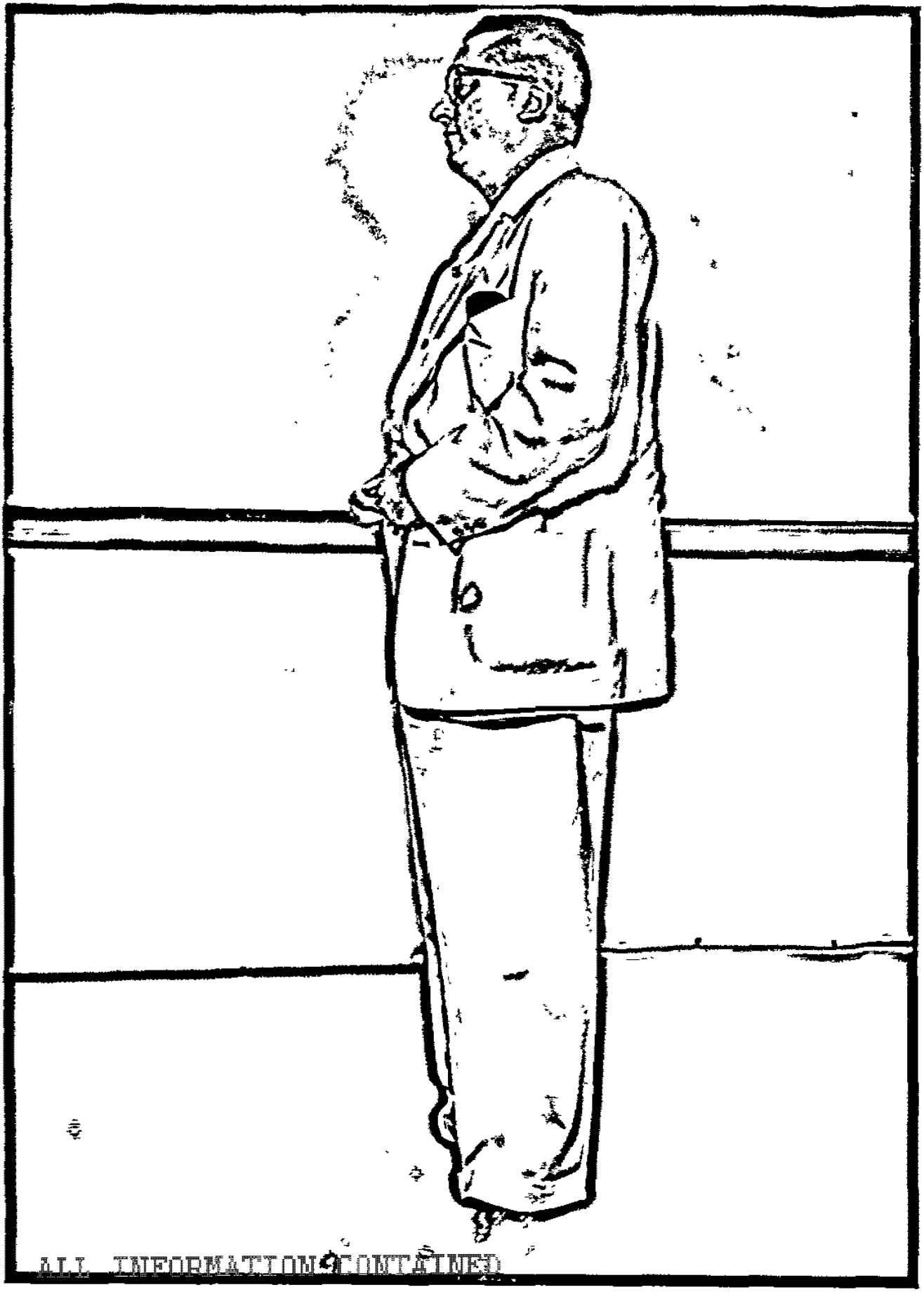
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Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

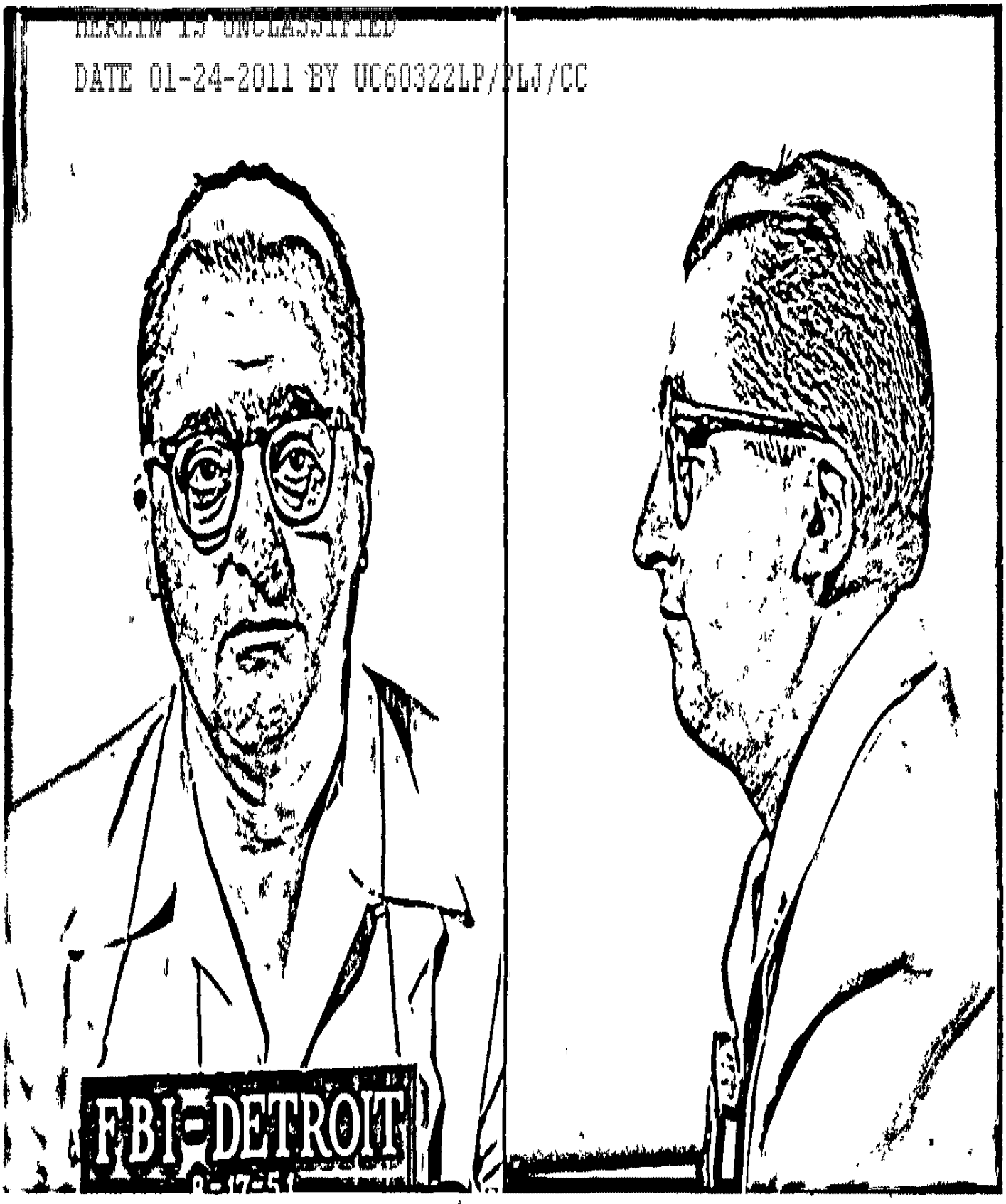
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F. B. I. No.....

Name William Albertson
Aliases .....
Residence 1449 Collingwood, Det.
Crimes.....
Age 41 Height 5'8"
Weight 180 Build Med. Heavy
Hair Blk. & Gray Eyes Brown
Color W Complex Ruddy
Born 5/7/10 Sex M
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DIRECTOR AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT. RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO DIRECTOR JULY THIRTY LAST, PBUTEL TO DETROIT JULY THIRTY ONE LAST. DETROIT INFORMANTS ESTABLISHED CONTACTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF SUBJECT-S HOME HAVE FURNISHED NO FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS. THE EXACT LOCATION OF SUBJECT UNKNOWN. REPORTEDLY MOVING ABOUT CONTINUOUSLY. FURTHER NEGATIVE INFORMATION NOT BEING SET FORTH IN DAILY TELETYPE, HOEVER, RESULTS OF REPORTED MEETING OF ALBERTSON WITH WESTERN MICHIGAN CP MEMBERS NEAR GRAND RAPIDS ON (U) AUGUST FIVE WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AND PITTSBURGH AS WELL AS ANY INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT LOCATION WITH CONTINUOUS INFORMATION AS TO HIS SUBSEQUENT WHEREABOUTS TO BE FURNISHED THEREAFTER.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DETROIT URGENT

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, wa., IS DASH C, SMITH ACT. REFERENCE YOUR CALL BUREAU TODAY REGARDING ALBERTSON'S APPROACH AGENTS YOUR OFFICE, SUBMIT DETAILED EXPLANATION REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES ALBERTSON'S DETECTION SURVEILLANCE AND HIS APPROACH TO AGENTS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: August 16, 1951

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES UNDER THE SMITH ACT
Pittsburgh
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

WILLIAM

SAC O'Connor called from Detroit on the morning of August 16. He advised that last night Albertson, who is one of the Pittsburgh subjects under surveillance by the Detroit Office, approached one of the Agents on the surveillance and asked, "What does your boss want?" He then indicated that the Agent should either place him under arrest or he would have to take some other means to keep him from following him, possibly by court action. O'Connor related this incident as indicative of the difficulties which he is having in his efforts to be in a position to apprehend Albertson as soon as the Bureau is ready to move against the Pennsylvania subjects. O'Connor said that the longer the situation continues, the more difficult it becomes. I told him that the Bureau was planning to move just as soon as it could be arranged and that we were hoping to locate one of the additional subjects in the Philadelphia territory.

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ACTION:

There is attached a teletype to the Detroit Office asking for an explanation.

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WILLIAM D ALBERTSON, WA. IS DASH C, SMITH ACT NINETEEN FORTY. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY WHETHER SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS KNOWN TO YOUR OFFICE. SUTEL DAILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS.

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WA., CP, USA- BRIEF, IS- C, SMITH ACT.

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE STATED TONIGHT THAT FRANCINE ALBERTSON, WIFE OF SUBJECT, ADVISED THAT THEY ARE LEAVING TOMORROW PAREN EIGHT DASH SEVENTEEN DASH FIFTYONE PAREN ON A TRIP. FRANCINE ADVISED THAT QUOTE THEY UNQUOTE PAREN PROBABLY MEANING AGENTS PAREN WOULD BE GOING WITH SUBJ AND WIFE. FRANCINE INDICATED SHE WOULD BE GONE TWO DAYS. TWENTYFOUR HOUR SURVEILLANCE ON SUBJ WILL CONTINUE. C/J U.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: August 24, 1951

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT - 1940

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PURPOSE:

To advise you of the fact that subject, who was under surveillance by Agents of the Detroit Office, approached one of the surveilling Agents in a grocery store on August 15, 1951, indicating that he was aware of the surveillance.

DETAILS:

As you will recall, William Albertson, Trade Union Secretary of the Communist Party in Detroit, Michigan, was one of the Communist Party functionaries arrested in Detroit on August 17, 1951, on a warrant issued in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Albertson has been in Detroit since April 1950.

Be teletype dated August 9, 1951, the Detroit Office was advised that the Department had authorized prosecution against Albertson under the Smith Act and that a daily teletype should be submitted reflecting Albertson's whereabouts. SAC O'Connor at Detroit was advised that he would be responsible for producing Albertson at such time as instructed by the Bureau.

On August 15, 1951, subject left his home and walked to a grocery store. Two Agents followed him on foot and other Agents followed him in cars at a distance. Subject entered the store and was followed by one of the Agents who took up a position inside the store which was subject to being changed as Albertson moved about the store. On completing his purchases, Albertson directly approached this Agent and stated in effect "What does your boss want anyway? Tell him that he is going to have a lawsuit on his hands if an arrest isn't made soon and if this stuff doesn't stop." The Agent involved did not identify himself as being connected with the FBI.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The Detroit Office was advised that since the surveillance on Albertson was instituted, it has been necessary to maintain a minimum of 10 Agents and most of the time 12 Agents during a 24 hour period so that from 4 to 6 Agents would be on the surveillance at all times. Albertson lives in a lower

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flat in a crowded neighborhood where the houses are close together and where not only the street lighting is poor but the alley in back of the house has no lighting whatsoever except possible reflections from the homes. On the occasions when Albertson left his home to proceed by automobile from one point to another, he has gone through various maneuvers indicating that he was very surveillance conscious. The Detroit Agents handling the surveillance were instructed by SAC O'Connor to maintain a close surveillance and not to lose it in any eventuality. It was realized by the Detroit Office that if the surveillance on Albertson was relaxed at all and he was permitted to disappear, it was very unlikely that he would be available for arrest at the time a warrant was issued.

PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE ALBERTSON SURVEILLANCE IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS:

By teletype dated August 22, 1951, the San Francisco Office advised that the "Daily People's World" of August 22, 1951, contained an article on page one entitled "It Did Happen Here - Just Last Week." This article, dated August 16, 1951, was written by Francine Albertson, wife of William Albertson, and reflects that she and her husband had been under "house arrest" for two weeks and that the FBI had been flanking their house for 24 hours daily. This same article appeared in the August 20, 1951, issue of the "Daily Worker," under the caption "How FBI Leeches Defile an American Street." A copy of this article is attached hereto.

In connection with this article, it is to be expected that the Communist controlled press will undoubtedly continue to attack the Bureau in this manner whenever a surveillance on a Smith Act subject is detected.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is pointed out that the purpose of the surveillance was to insure the fact that Albertson would be available for apprehension when the Bureau so advised and it was realized that sooner or later Albertson would detect the surveillance. In spite of the fact that he did detect the surveillance and made numerous efforts to evade it, the Detroit Agents were successful in remaining aware of his location at all times and in effecting his apprehension when ordered, although at that time he was approximately 30 miles south of Detroit. It is not believed, therefore, in view of these facts that either SAC O'Connor or the Agents handling the surveillance should be criticized for the fact that it was detected.

COMMUNICATIONS INDUST... Francine ALBERTSON (EMPL. CARD) ... Peoples World

ACTION:

None, this is for your information.

I agree 9-3

I agree 8/7/6

I agree

I concur.

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the attendants who they are and who we are. They follow the car we are driving bumper to bumper so consistently that once when we stopped short, our entourage (four cars this time) smacked into each other. At other times they drive in a special formation of three or four of their cars, keeping all traffic away from us. They go through red lights flashing their identification to traffic cops. When on rare occasions they are intercepted in traffic by another car they move him over by pulling rank. They follow my husband and our son to our lawyer's office and wait in the corridor for them to emerge. They follow them to the C. P. office waiting outside and snapping pictures of all coming and going. They follow us all, my husband, two sons and myself into restaurants and inform the waitress who they are and that we are being watched. They go to the movies with us. They go to the A. & P. with us. Yesterday they even went to the Farmer's Market with us and apparently couldn't resist some of the bargains. They shopped too and then stood around waiting for us holding wilted paper sacks for hours, waiting for us to finish. We were in no hurry. The Farmer's Market is large, with lots of interesting things and we had nowheres to go that would be any more pleasant, so they waited holding their paper sacks.

We go for a drive in the evening and they go with us. My husband, my eighteen year old son (registered for the draft), my younger son and I, together with six to nine members of the Sturm Ateiling U. S. A. style. They stop for frozen custard with us. They even order hamburgers as if they were ordinary mortals. They try to walk into the men's room with my husband only to have the door slammed in their pompous self-important faces.

Last night we took them dancing with us and brother we had ourselves a ball, in a nice joint where beer is still a dime. We danced and laughed secure in the future, while they sat glumly drinking bottles of Farley's Folly. We topped it off by going for sandwiches and coffee. Our appetites are still good. We returned home with our retinue in tow and before going in and to bed Bill slyly gave them Alan Max's little pamphlet to read — "Inside the FBI."

The conspiracy to silence us has swelled into a reign of terror, but our sons, Peter and Eric, together with myself, have never loved Bill Albertson, their father and my husband so dearly as now. Our families are threatened and our loved ones torn from our sides but still we all know for a fact that the future is unalterably ours!

FRANCINE ALBERTSON

How FBI Leeches Defile an American Street

Try, Unsuccessfully, to Intimidate Albertson Family

(Since this article by Francine Albertson was written, her husband, Bill Albertson, father of two small children, workingclass leadeer and fighter for peace, has been arrested, one of six new victims of Truman's hysteria-breeding arrests under the infamous Smith Act.

DETROIT, Aug. 20.—Today is exactly two weeks that my husband has been under "house arrest," or "protective custody." Any name the FBI should choose to describe their Gestapo methods of harassing a man, his family, his friends and his neighbors, it would still smell as foul.

To date we have received no notice from the FBI that anyone in our household is wanted by them. As far as we know, no charge has been lodged against anyone in our family. Yet we are imprisoned 24 hours daily by two cars flanking the front of the house and another car stationed alongside of our garage in the back yard. Each car has two or three agents the likes of which I never saw depicted by Hollywood. Nothing natty about these guys! Their appearance is strictly from hunger.

One or two are stationed in the homes of neighbors to keep constant watch. They have been successful in enlisting the aid of only two neighbors as stoolpigeons, although they have given them quite a spiel, even implying that my husband and I were fugitives from the FBI, while we were out of town. A number of the neighbors have continued to be friendly and concerned although undoubtedly frightened.

The pretty tree-lined street upon which we live has been silenced. With few exceptions people no longer sit on their front porches. Childish voices are stilled. The children have vanished. Neighbors no longer hail one another but slip past each other with embarassed averted eyes. Everyone knows but avoids conversation about it as though it were something obscene. The porches, happy with people last week, are deserted these golden summer afternoons, and the soft gentle evenings are unwitnessed. The summer has been defiled. An oppressive hush has fallen like a giant hand smothering the life of a community.

They sit with their dull, vacuous eyes ogling the girls who walk past occassionally. They brazenly and openly train their cameras upon anyone entering our house; even the newsboy. They munch apples and visit back and forth among their cars until their shift is changed and a new crew comes on. We hear them on their intercommunication system announce their departure, "Car No. 3 leaving station." They are faithful little shadows following us all over and even following our sons' friends in an obvious attempt to intimidate them.

We spent a few memorable days downtown with the dull-eyed ones breathing down our necks and snapping at our heels. Some eight or nine of them, all equipped with small tan colored buttons in their ears, which weren't at all the innocuous hearing devices they appeared to be, encircled us—my husband, my fourteen-year old son and myself. They followed us from J. L. Hudson to Kerns to Crowleys to Sam's to Woolworth's to Kresge's, never at any time any more than two or three arm lengths away from us.

They manage to park along side of us on a parking lot, informing

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FBI, DETROIT 8/20/51 6/20 PM EST

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF FORTY. REBUPHONE CALL TO DETROIT AUG. EIGHTEEN LAST. SUBJECT ARRAIGNED BEFORE THEODORE LEVIN, USDJ, ED OF MICHIGAN, TODAY. BAIL SET AT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. PRELIMINARY REMOVAL HEARING SET FOR AUG. THIRTY NEXT AT TEN A. M. IN SETTING BAIL, JUDGE LEVIN CONSIDERED SUBJECT-S WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN AND HIS RESIDENCE IN MICH. SINCE SPRING OF FIFTY. SUBJECT-S ATTORNEY, GEORGE CROCKETT, ADMITTED AT ARRAIGNMENT THAT SUBJECT WAS MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. CROCKETT ALSO ADMITTED SUBJECT WAS EXPELLED FROM UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR PARTICIPATING IN TOM MOONEY RALLY., THAT HE WAS ARRESTED IN PITTSBURGH DURING DEPRESSION DAYS FOR SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF WORKERS AT AN OPEN AIR MEETING, AND ALSO WAS ARRESTED IN NYC, DATE NOT MENTIONED, FOR PICKETING THE BRASS RAIL RESTAURANT. JUDGE LEVIN QUESTIONED WHEN INDICTMENT WOULD BE RECIVED IN DETROIT. AUSA AUSTIN, DETROIT, HAS ADVISED IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PRODUCE WITNESSES TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE IF CERTIFIED COPY OF INDICTMENT NOT RECEIVED FOR HEARING. AS OF FIVE P.M. TODAY, SUBJECT HAD NOT MADE BOND AND REMAINS IN CUSTODY OF USM AT DETROIT. BUREAU AND PITTSBURGH WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED IF SUBJECT MAKES BAIL.

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RE WILLIAM ALBERTSON., IS - C, SMITH ACT. RE PITTSBURGH TEL JULY TWENTY THREE LAST. NY FILE DOES NOT SHOW DATE WHEN SMALL BUST PHOTO OF SUBJ WAS TAKEN BUT BELIEVED TO BE AT LEAST TEN YEARS OLD AND TO HAVE ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN UNIDENTIFIED MAGAZINE. RE PITTSBURGH TEL JULY THIRTY ONE INSTANT. IN ADDITION TO BUST PHOTO MENTIONED ABOVE, NY HAS THREE DIFFERENT PHOTOS OF SUBJ. ALL THREE APPEAR TO BE "DAILY WORKER" PHOTOS. ONE IS POOR WITH DATE UNKNOWN. SECOND WAS TAKEN IN FORTY FIVE. AND THIRD IS PROFILE VIEW TAKEN IN FORTY SIX. NY NOT FORWARDING ANY OF SAME TO BUREAU UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY.

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FBI PITTSBURGH 8-30-51 8-36 PM EDST BH

DIRECTOR AND SAC DETROIT URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C. SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY. REBUTEL SIX FIFTYSIX PM TODAY CAPTIONED CP DASH USA BRIEF , PROSECUTION OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARIES UNDER THE SMITH ACT, IS- C. DETROIT IS REQUESTED TO INSTITUTE TWENTYFOUR HOUR FISUR ON WILLIAM ALBERTSON UACB TO INSURE APPEARANCE IN COURT WHENEVER REQUIRED .

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: August 29, 1951

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WILLIAM D. ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Special Agent Joe Casper of the Detroit Office called at 5:30 P. M., August 29th to advise that Albertson is making bond. He wanted to know what the Bureau's instructions were as far as coverage of Albertson if he made bond.

I told Mr. Casper that the Detroit Office should be aware of the location of Albertson if his presence in Court is required so that if he fails to appear and a bench warrant is issued, Detroit agents will know his whereabouts.

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FBI, DETROIT 8-29-51 2-09 PM EST HZ

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS C. SMITH ACT, NINETEEN FORTY. AUSA [redacted] ADVISED TODAY REMOVAL HEARING FOR SUBJECT ADJOURNED TO TEN A.M., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER FOUR, ON REQUEST OF GEORGE W. CROCKETT, COUNSEL FOR ALBERTSON. CROCKETT INFORMED USDJ HE HAD OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM BUREAU OF PRISONS TO INTERVIEW HIS CLIENT, BENJAMIN DAVIS, CP LEADER INCARCERATED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, ON AUGUST THIRTY. DURING CONFERENCE THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK CROCKETT INFORMED USDJ AND AUSA HE DID NOT INTEND TO ADMIT IDENTITY AT REMOVAL HEARING. AUSA [redacted] REQUESTS THAT PITTSBURGH AGENT WHO CAN IDENTIFY ALBERTSON AS INDIVIDUAL NAMED IN INDICTMENT BE PRESENT AT REMOVAL HEARING SEPTEMBER FOUR. [redacted] EXPLAINED THAT SA, WHO HAS PHYSICALLY OBSERVED ALBERTSON AND CAN IDENTIFY HIM AS PARTY OFFICIAL DURING PERIOD OF ALBERTSON-S TENURE IN PITTSBURGH, WILL BE SUFFICIENT. WITNESS AND NAUTRE OF CI WHO MIGHT BE USED DURING ACTUAL TRIAL NOT DESIRED. [redacted] HAS NOT RECEIVED COPY OF BENCH WARRANT AS YET AND REQUESTS USA IN PITTSBURGH BE NOTIFIED TO EXPEDITE FORWARDING OF SAME.

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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

FBI, DETROIT 9-6-51 5-19 PM EST HZ

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DAH C, SMITH ACT OF FORTY. AS CONSEQUENCE OF REMOVAL HEARING FOR SUBJECT SEPTEMBER FOUR LAST WHEN HIS IDENTITY WAS ESTABLISHED, SUBJECT APPEARED TODAY BEFORE THEODORE LEVIN, USDJ, EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN TO HAVE DATE SET FOR HIS APPEARANCE FOR ARRAIGNMENT IN PITTSBURGH. IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING ARRAIGNMENT DATE, JUDGE LEVIN SET OCTOBER TWELVE NEXT AS DATE FOR HEARING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS REGARDING SUBJECT-S REMOVAL TO PITTSBURGH. SUBJECT PRESENTLY LOCATED AT HIS RESIDENCE.

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FBI, DETROIT 9-4-51 4-07PM EST MEB

DIRECTOR AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON. IS-C. AT REMOVAL HEARING THIS DATE SUBJECT ORDERED RETURNED PITTSBURGH, PA., OCT. TERM COURT, EXACT DATE NOT SPECIFIED. TWENTY THOUSADN DOLLAR BOND CONTINUED. HEARING TO BE CONTINUED SEPT. SIX NEXT WHEN EXACT DATE BOND RETURNABLE PITTSBURGH, PA. WILL BE SET.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 23, 1951

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

REGISTERED MAIL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Transmitted herewith are Exhibits #7 and #17, which were set forth in referenced report. The exhibits are as follows:

Exhibit #7 — Photostatic copy of the 1937 Year Book of the Young Communist League of America, Section captioned "Alumni Tintypes" (Title Page and Page 28).

Certified photostatic copy is being maintained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office.

Exhibit #17 — Photostatic copy of an article in the September 1947 issue of "Political Affairs, A Magazine Devoted to the Theory and Practice of Marxism-Leninism ... Vol. XXVI, No. 9 ... September 1947 ... New York", Pages 826 to 835, inclusive.

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Certified photostatic copy is being maintained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office.

The Bureau is now in possession of all Exhibits utilized in referenced report, with the exception of Exhibits #1 and #12, which will not be furnished the Bureau.

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SAC, DETROIT 9-15-51 1-00PM EST MEB

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WAS., INTERNAL SECURITY-C, SMITH ACT NINETEEN FORTY. OCTOBER THREE NINETEEN FIFTYONE DATE OF REMOVAL HEARING OF SUBJECT SET BY US DISTRICT COURT, DETROIT, MICHIGAN AND BOND RETURNABLE OCTOBER FIVE NINETEEN FIFTYONE PITTSBURGH. WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT ALBERTSON KNOWN AND DETROIT OFFICE IS MAINTAINING TWENTYFOUR HOUR FISUR.

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FBI CLEVELAND 10-3-51 6-24 PM EST M.M.

DIRECTOR AND SACS PITTSBURGH AND DETROIT

URGENT

WILLIAM (1) ALBERTSON, WAS., IS DASH C. SMITH ACT. RE DETROIT PHONE CALL TODAY. DETROIT AGENTS RELIEVED OF SURVEILLANCE BY CLEVELAND NORWALK OHIO, FIVE PM TODAY. SUBJECT DRIVING FAST AND MAY CONTINUE TO PITTSBURGH, PA. TONIGHT. IN THIS EVENT PITTSBURGH REQUESTED TO TAKE OVER SURVEILLANCE. PITTSBURGH TO BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY CLEVELAND AGENTS LATE TODAY AS TO PROGRESS. CLEVELAND AGENTS ON SURVEILLANCE [redacted], AND [redacted] IN TWO NINETEEN FIFTY PONTIACS OHIO LICENSE V DASH FORTYTHREE DASH R AND V DASH FORTYONE DASH J.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN DE FILE NO. 100-16560

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan. His exact employment unknown; however, he makes frequent visits to Civil Rights Congress and Communist Party headquarters in Detroit. Subject has continued to attend and participate in CP functions and affairs in connection with administration and development of various activities of CP, District 7. Subject arrested on August 17, 1951, following filing of complaint at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, charging Subject with violation of the Smith Act. Subject fingerprinted and photographed. On September 4, 1951, Subject ordered removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Exact date of removal to be set at hearing in Detroit continued until October 12, 1951.

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DETAILS: All informants in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise designated.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

On September 9, 1951, Subject, according to Informant Detroit T-1, resided at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. R. Rabe SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The Subject's employment is not specifically known; however, according to Informant Detroit T-1, he frequently visits Civil Rights Congress and Communist Party headquarters at Detroit.

BACKGROUND

The following is being submitted as additional background information concerning the Subject:

According to Informant Detroit T-2 on June 20, 1951, the Subject on that date had been put on a "B" diet by his doctor. The informant stated further that the Subject had indicated that he did not wish to attend a coming Party picnic inasmuch as he was afraid he would eat too much.

NATIONALISTIC SYMPATHIES, TENDENCIES AND ACTIVITIES

Activities in Administration of Communist Party, District 7

On February 20, 1951, the Subject, according to Informant Detroit T-3, attended a regional organizers' meeting for the Communist Party, District 7, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road. The Subject opened this meeting by announcing that its purpose was to form an authoritative body that could function as the top authority for the Communist Party, District 7. Informant said that ALBERTSON during the course of his speech remarked that the State Committee of the Communist Party, District 7, was made up of seven members, one of which included himself.

Informant Detroit T-4 stated on March 19, 1951, that the regional organization of the Communist Party, District 7, was being revised and that persons considered for regional heads are being subjected to a close check which was being handled exclusively by the Subject and CARL WINTER. The informant added that the Subject was handling the interviews regarding these checks.

CARL WINTER, according to Informant Detroit T-4, was one of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders.

The Subject, according to Informant Detroit T-5, met with CARL WINTER and STANLEY NOWAK on April 11, 1951, to discuss the firing of General MAC ARTHUR. The Subject and CARL WINTER, as functionaries of CP District 7, agreed to side with President TRUMAN and to continue their demands for withdrawal of United Nations' troops from Korea. (Informant Detroit T-6 describes STANLEY NOWAK as one of the leaders of the Polish left wing and Polish Communist element in Detroit.)

On April 19, 1951, the Subject met with CP District 7 functionaries to discuss possible leadership for the CP District 7 after CARL WINTER had gone. This information was received by Informant Detroit T-7.

According to Informant Detroit T-8, on June 3, 1951, CARL WINTER had nominated the Subject for Executive Secretary, CP District 7, and had requested that the nomination be mentioned in the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" (Michigan edition of "The Worker," an East Coast Communist publication).

Informant Detroit T-9 stated on June 18, 1951, that the Subject on that date attended a meeting of the Communist Party, District 7, top Party leadership. He stated that the discussion dwelled on the administration of the Communist Party as to sections and regions and the present problems confronting the Communist Party. Informant added that during the course of this discussion which was led by ALBERTSON the Subject mentioned that the CP operates under three different bodies. No further identification of these bodies was made.

Activities Regarding Communist Party Publications and Leaflets

Informant Detroit T-7 stated that on March 13, 1951, the Subject met with CP District 7 functionaries to discuss a subscription drive for CP publications.

Informant Detroit T-2 stated on May 4, 1951, that the Subject had instructed JERRY SHORE to get out a leaflet on the DSR strike immediately.

JERRY SHORE, according to Informant Detroit T-4, is a CP member.

The DSR strike was a Department of Street Railways operators' strike in Detroit, Michigan, which occurred during the spring of 1951.

On May 24, 1951, Informant Detroit T-8 stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had prepared a leaflet pertaining to a proposed five-power conference and had requested that 75,000 copies of the leaflet be run off.

According to Informant Detroit T-2 on June 4, 1951, ALBERTSON had instructed NAT BROOKS to distribute 5,000 flyers which were being sent from New York regarding the Supreme Court decision in the conviction of the eleven Communist Party leaders.

According to Informant Detroit T-10, NAT BROOKS is a Labor Youth League functionary.

The Labor Youth League is an organization which has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Activities in the Western Michigan Region, CP District 7

The Subject, according to Informant Detroit T-11, attended a section convention of the Western Michigan Communist Clubs at 430 Prospect, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on January 21, 1951. At this meeting Subject, as the main speaker, gave a report on the highlights of the recent national convention of the Communist Party in New York City. The informant added that ALBERTSON stated in his talk that he has been attending the national convention of the Communist Party every year since 1929.

On February 18, 1951, the Subject, according to Informant Detroit T-11, attended a meeting of the Western Michigan Section of the Communist Party, District 7, at 753 Ionia SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. At this meeting ALBERTSON explained that the Western Michigan Section of the Communist Party was to be divided up for security reasons and that sections would be patterned after the European underground movement which took place during World War II. The informant further stated that ALBERTSON also gave instructions that the International Workers Order (cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835) in Western Michigan should destroy its minute books inasmuch as the books have information in them indicating that the organization was subversive.

Informant Detroit T-11 stated that on March 18, 1951, the Subject attended a meeting of the region committee of the Western Michigan region, CP District 7, at 753 Ionia SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. ALBERTSON, as the main speaker at this meeting, gave a speech on working for peace in which he stated that a goal had been set to obtain ten million people to attend a peace crusade in Washington, D. C., during 1952.

On May 21, 1951, the Subject was present at the regular meeting of the Western Michigan Section of the CP District 7 at 753 Ionia SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. ALBERTSON, in leading the discussion at this meeting, talked on the peace movement. In reference to this topic, ALBERTSON stated that during the previous

week he had talked with EUGENE DENNIS (one of the eleven convicted CP leaders according to the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist publication) in New York City who had said that too little work was being done on the peace movement in Michigan. ALBERTSON also commented on the need for Party funds. This information was furnished by Informant Detroit T-11.

On June 18, 1951, Informant Detroit T-11 stated that the Subject met with the Western Michigan Region, CP District 7, leadership at 753 Ionia SW, Grand Rapids. At this meeting ALBERTSON again led the discussion and spoke on the coming Chicago peace conference, urging that members from that section attend.

The Subject, on July 15, 1951, according to Informant Detroit T-11, attended a region committee meeting of the Western Michigan Region of the Communist Party, District 7, at 753 Ionia, Grand Rapids, Michigan. At this meeting the Subject as the main speaker talked at great length on the necessity for continuing the peace crusade and the need for continued circulation of "The Worker," an East Coast Communist publication.

On August 5, 1951, ALBERTSON, according to Informant Detroit T-11, had given instructions that the Western Michigan Region Clubs of the Communist Party, District 7, were to continue to hold regular meetings every week from now on and that the discussions at these meetings should center around the peace movement.

Activities in the Auto Industry

During the period from March 1951 through June 1951 Subject, according to Informants Detroit T-7 and T-9, met with Communist Party, District 7, functionaries and other prominent CP District 7 leaders on several occasions. At these meetings various topics were discussed, among them being the following: plans to control Ford Motor Company council elections; possibility of a Ford edition of "The Worker"; formation of classes in the auto industry with emphasis on the General Motors' group; May Day activities; peace movement; CIO convention; cost of living increase; Fair Employment Practices Committee; and the fund drive.

Civil Rights Congress Activities

The Civil Rights Congress is an organization which has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On March 21, 1951, the Subject met with Civil Rights Congress and Communist Party functionaries to discuss the appointment of a representative of the CRC to take full responsibility for the Flint, Michigan, area. The informant added that plans were also discussed as to the course of action for the CRC in the event the Supreme Court upheld conviction of the eleven Communist Party leaders. This information was furnished by Informant Detroit T-5.

During the period from April 1951 through May 1951 Subject, according to Informants Detroit T-5 and T-12, met with prominent CRC functionaries on several occasions. Among the topics discussed on these occasions were: the McCarran Act; the Gordy and Willie McGee cases; the CRC bail fund; and the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

The McCarran Act is the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Gordy case, according to Informant Detroit T-3, involved CHARLES GORDY, who shot a Detroit policeman while the policeman was attempting to arrest GORDY's son.

According to Informant Detroit T-3, WILLIE MC GEE was a convicted Negro rapist in the State of Mississippi who was recently executed.

Activities in Local Politics

Informant Detroit T-13 stated on May 2, 1951, that ALBERTSON was disturbed over the fact that an antisubversive bill recently passed the Michigan State Senate, and had issued instructions that efforts should be made to stop its passage by the Michigan House of Representatives.

Membership in the International Workers Order

The International Workers Order is an organization which has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On February 2, 1951, Informant Detroit T-14 stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was born in 1910, was carried as a member of the IWO Lodge 455, Detroit, Michigan.

Activities in Communist Party Social Affairs

Informant Detroit T-15, of known reliability but whose sources are unknown, stated that ALBERTSON on February 10, 1951, attended a banquet celebrating the 27th anniversary of the "Daily Worker" at 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. ALAN MAX, described by the informant as Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker," was the guest speaker and in his talk praised LENIN's outstanding contribution to Socialism and the "great Soviet Union."

On February 24, 1951, Informant Detroit T-15 stated that the Subject was present at an affair celebrating the 70th birthday of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER who, according to the informant, was National Chairman, CP, USA, held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. The guest speaker at this banquet was FRED FINE, described by the informant as the Legislative Director, CP, USA, who in his talk honored FOSTER for his contributions to the working class movement and Socialism.

Information Concerning Subject's Whereabouts after Arrest of Seventeen CP Leaders in New York City and Pittsburgh

Informant Detroit T-2 stated that on June 20, 1951, ALBERTSON went into hiding following the arrest of seventeen Communist Party leaders that date in New York City and Pittsburgh.

Apprehension of Subject and Trial Proceedings Thereafter

On August 17, 1951, ALBERTSON was arrested by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer while driving on Highway U. S. 25 near Flat Rock, Michigan, and was returned to Detroit where he was photographed and fingerprinted. The arrest was made pursuant to a complaint filed in Pittsburgh charging ALBERTSON with violation of the Smith Act.

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On August 20, 1951, ALBERTSON was arraigned before THEODORE LEVIN, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Michigan. His bail was set at $20,000 and preliminary removal hearing to remove the Subject to Pittsburgh was set for August 30, 1951.

An indictment for the Subject was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 23, 1951, charging the Subject with violation of Section 2 of the Smith Act, 54 Statute 671, 18 United States Code (1946 Edition) 10, and 18 United States Code (1948 Edition) Section 2385.

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On August 25, 1951, ALVAH STEWART, United States District Judge, Western District of Pennsylvania, issued a bench warrant for the Subject.

On August 29, 1951, information was received from the Clerk of Court's Office, Eastern District of Michigan, that the Subject had arranged to make his bond of $20,000 and was released at 4:30 PM on the above date.

A removal hearing for the Subject was held on September 4, 1951, at Detroit, when he was ordered removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The exact date of the removal was not specified.

On September 6, 1951, the removal hearing to set the date for the Subject's removal to Pittsburgh was continued until October 12, 1951.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Office for its information inasmuch as the Subject was once active in Communist Party affairs in New York City.

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THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will continue to follow and report on Subject's activities.

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T-1	SA [redacted] who on 9/9/51 observed the Subject residing at his residence at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan, and who also observed the Subject enter CRC and CP headquarters in Detroit on several occasions during the period from 8/6/51 through 9/9/51.			
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T-12	DE-365	6/11/51	6/11/51	SA [redacted]
T-13	DE-322	5/2/51	5/2/51	SA
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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
Criminal Division

October 8, 1951

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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As you will recall, William Albertson was one of the six Smith Act subjects from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area arrested on August 17, 1951, at Flat Rock, Michigan.

On October 3, 1951, a removal hearing was held before United States District Judge Theodore Levin at Detroit, Michigan. Albertson was ordered removed to Pittsburgh to appear before the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh, on October 5, 1951. His bond of $20,000 was continued and ordered returnable at Pittsburgh.

During the course of the removal hearing, Albertson's attorney, George W. Crockett, Jr., complained to Judge Levin that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was violating Albertson's liberty under his bond by continuously following him. To substantiate this claim Crockett pointed out to the court that on one occasion Agents of this Bureau went on the porch of Albertson's residence and were ordered to leave by one of Albertson's sons. On another occasion, according to Crockett, Albertson, while in a restaurant, inquired of an Agent of this Bureau "What show would you like to see tonight?", and that the Agent had replied "Suit yourself."

In response to these allegations by Crockett, Judge Levin suggested that Albertson should ignore the Agents. He stated that he would not inquire into why the "FBI was tagging" Albertson. Judge Levin stated, however, that the Agents should not conduct themselves in a manner so as to jeopardize the freedom of Albertson while he was under bond, and that "hemming in" Albertson would in his, Judge Levin's, opinion amount to a depredation of that freedom. Judge Levin further stated that if the FBI was being unfair and was attempting to "put hands" on Albertson, the matter should be brought to the attention of the court. No injunction was issued.

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Judge Levin concluded his remarks by commenting on Albertson's bond. In this regard he related that he did not care who furnished the bond and as long as the required amount was submitted he would not question where it came from. Judge Levin cautioned the Assistant United States Attorney not to interfere with Albertson's freedom or to instruct the office of the District Court Clerk to do so because of the source of the money used for Albertson's bond.

With reference to the allegations made by Albertson's attorney, it is pointed out that Agents of this Bureau went on the porch of Albertson's residence prior to his arrest for the purpose of advising him of the provisions of the Harboring Statute in connection with the investigation to locate the eight Communist fugitives. The conversation which allegedly took place in a restaurant in Detroit did not occur at all, according to the Bureau Agents conducting the surveillance of Albertson.

The above is being furnished for your information.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: October 4, 1951

FROM : SAC, Detroit

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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This is to advise that on October 3, 1951, a removal hearing for the Subject was held before THEODORE LEVIN, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Michigan, at Detroit. The Subject was ordered removed to Pittsburgh to appear before the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh, on October 5, 1951, at 10 A. M. His bond of $20,000 was continued and ordered returnable at that city.

During the course of the hearing, the Subject's attorney, GEORGE W. CROCKETT, JR., who is familiar to the Bureau, complained that the FBI was violating the Subject's liberty under his bond by continuously following him. CROCKETT, in order to substantiate his claim pointed out that once, no time specified, Bureau Agents went on the porch of the Subject's residence but were told to leave by one of the Subject's sons. CROCKETT also stated that at another time during the Subject's freedom under his bond, the Subject while in a restaurant asked a Bureau Agent "what show would you like to see tonight?", and that the Agent replied "suit yourself". (Surveilling Agents advised that no such conversation was had with Subject).

In response to these statements Judge LEVIN suggested that the Subject ignore the Agents and stated that he would not inquire into why the "FBI was tagging" the Subject. He said however, that the Agents should not conduct themselves in a manner so as to jeopardize the freedom of the Subject while he was under bond, and that "hemming in" of the Subject would in his opinion amount to a depredation of that freedom. Judge LEVIN further stated that if the FBI was being unfair and was attempting to "put hands" on the Subject, the matter should be brought to the attention of the court. No injunction was issued.

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Judge LEVIN concluded his remarks by commenting on the Subject's bond. In this regard he said that he did not care who furnished the Subject's bond, and that as long as the required amount was submitted he would not question where it came from. He cautioned Assistant United States Attorney AUSTIN not to interfere with the Subject's freedom or instruct the Clerk's office to do so because of where the bond money was obtained.

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Letter to Director, FBI
October 4, 1951

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ALBERTSON

At approximately 1:00 P.M. on October 3, 1951, the Subject with his wife, FRANCINE departed from Detroit in a 1950 Maroon Ford Tudor Sedan, apparently enroute to Pittsburgh. According to information received from Pittsburgh, he was scheduled to attend a conference there on October 4, 1951.

In reference to the statement of CROCKETT that Agents went on to the porch of the Subject's residence, it is submitted that this was done when attempting to advise him of the Harboring Statute in connection with the investigation of the eight Communist Fugitives, and at that time he had not yet been arrested.

Precautions have been taken in the past to insure that the Subject's freedom under his bond was not violated, and efforts will continue to insure that no violation occurs in the future.

This information is being submitted to the Bureau and Pittsburgh for their information.

MRS WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C. SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY. CLEVELAND AGENTS RELIEVED OF SURVEILLANCE BY PGH. AGENTS, PGH., PA., TWELVE NAUGHT FIVE AM, TODAY. SUBJ. REGISTERED AT HOTEL ROOSEVELT UNDER NAME OF MR. AND MRS. ALSTON. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS- C. SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY. SUBJ APPARENTLY NOT RESTRICTED AS TO MOVEMENT BY USDJ AT PITTSBURGH, PA., DEPARTED DETROIT, MICH. EIGHT FIFTY PM TODAY ALONE, ABOARD NY CENTRAL TRAIN, THE WOLVERINE, IN COACH NO. THREE NAUGHT NAUGHT TWO WITH RETURN TRIP COACH TICKET TO NYC. THE WOLVERINE DUE IN NYC AT NINE TWENTY AM OCT. TEN NEXT. SUBJ REPORTEDLY HAS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PETTIS PERRY IN NYC AT ELEVEN AM OCT. TEN, SUBJ DESCRIBED AS FORTYONE, FIVE FT. EIGHT IN., ONE EIGHTY, MED. HEAVY BUILD, BLACK AND GREY SHORT CUT HAIR, BROWN EYES, HEAVY HORN RIMMED GLASSES, BARE HEADED, WEARING GRAY COVERT TOP COAT, BROWN DOUBLE BREASTED SUIT, BROWN SHOES, AND CARRYING SMALL BROWN CANVAS SATCHEL. PHOTOS OF SUBJ FORWARDED TO NY AMSD TODAY. FOR INFO OF NY OFFICE SUBJ ARRAIGNED IN PITTS., PA., OCT. FIVE LAST. HIS NEXT APPEARANCE AT PITTSBURGH SET FOR NOV. FIVE NEXT. BUREAU DESIROUS OF MAINTAINING KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS. ADVISE AS TO SUBJECTS DEPARTURE TIME AND DESTINATION WHEN HE LEAVES NYC.

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FBI DETROIT 10-19-51 11-07PM EST NWW

DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS, PITTSBURGH AND NEW YORK URBENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT NINETEEN FORTY. SUBJ TODAY DEPARTED DETROIT EIGHT FIFTY PM ALONE ABOARD NYC TRAIN QUOTE THE WOLVERINE UNQUOTE COACH NUMBER THREE ONE ONE NAUGHT ENROUTE NEW YORK FOR CONFERENCE AS INSTRUCTED BY CP LEADERSHIP IN NY. THE WOLVERINE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE GRAND CENTRAL STATION NY NINETWENTY AM OCT. TWENTY. SUBJ DESCRIBED MALE WHITE, FIVE FT. EIGHT, ONE EIGHTY LBS., MED. BUILD, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLACK AND GREY CURLY HAIR, WEARING HEAVY HORN RIMMED GLASSES, BLUE TOP COAT AND NO HAT. IS CARRYING SMALL BROWN CANVAS BAG. FOR INFO NY BUREAU DESIROUS OF MAINTAINING KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS ACTIVITIES. IS SCHEDULED FOR HEARING USDC WESTERN DIST. PA. NOV. FIVE NEXT. NY ADVISE DE OF DEPARTURE DATE AND DESTINATION OF SUBJ.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C. SUBJECTS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS KNOWN.

CONTINUES TO REMAIN IN DETROIT AREA.

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FBI, DETROIT 10-27-51 10-52 AM EST MEB

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, CHICAGO AND PITTSBURGH U R G E N T

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT FORTY. REMYTEL TO CHICAGO OCTOBER TWENTYSIX LAST CAPTIONED CP, USA BRIEF DASH WILLIAM ALBERTSON IS-C ADVISING SUBJECT PLANNED TO VISIT CHICAGO TODAY. SUBJECT DEPARTED DETROIT EIGHT AM TODAY WITH WIFE FRANCINE AND SON [redacted] IN NINETEEN FIFTY MAROON FORD, TUDOR, BEARING FIFTYONE MICHIGAN LIC. DB TWENTYSEVEN DASH FIFTYTHREE. WILLIAM ALLAN AS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TEL NOT ACCOMPANYING SUBJECT AND ACCORDING TO INFORMANT WAS IN DETROIT AS OF TEN AM TODAY. SUBJECT LAST OBSERVED BY DET. AGENTS AT APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES WEST OF PLYMOUTH, MICH. TRAVELING ON US TWELVE IN DIRECTION OF CHICAGO AT APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE MILES PER HOUR. SUBJECT WILL PROBABLY USE ROUTES AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED TEL TO MICH. CITY, INDIANA AND THEN PROCEED TO CHICAGO. SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS FORTYONE ONE EIGHTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, MEDIUM HEAVY, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLACK GRAY CURLY HAIR, HEAVY DARK HORN RIMMED GLASSES. SUBJECT-S WIFE FRANCINE DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY FORTY, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE FIFTY, DARK COMPLEXION, HEAVY BUILD, HEAVY BLACK HAIR. SUBJECT-S SON [redacted] DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY [redacted] FIVE FEET FIVE Inches, ONE THIRTYFIVE, DARK COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR. SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO ATTEND HEARING IN PITTSBURGH NOVEMBER FIFTH NEXT. BUREAU DESIROUS OF MAINTAINING KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT-S WHEREABOUTS. CHICAGO

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COVER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT AND ADVISE PITTSBURGH AND DETROIT OF ACTI-
VITIES AS WELL AS HIS DEPARTURE FROM CHICAGO.

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DERECTOR AND SAC DETROIT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT, FORTY. RE DETROIT TEL TODAY. [redacted] ADVISES [redacted] THAT WILLIAM ALBERTSON IS PRESENTLY IN PITTSBURGH AND HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANDREW ONDA ALSO SMITH ACT SUBJECT OF THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE.

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FBI DETROIT 10-30-51 11-41 AM EST JOH

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS C. SMITH ACT NINETEEN FORTY. SUBJECT BELIEVED DEPARTED DETROIT BETWEEN SIX AM AND EIGHT AM THIS DATE AND BELIEVED ENROUTE PITTSBURGH, DRIVING MAROON NINETEEN FIFTY FORD TUDOR SEDAN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE MICHIGAN LICENSE DB TWENTY SEVEN DASH FIFTYTHREE AND PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE FRANCINE AND SON ERIC.

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SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749) November 6, 1951

Director, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Enclosed for your information is an extract from the Cominform newspaper, "For A Lasting Peace, For A People's Democracy," No. 38 (150), dated Friday, September 21, 1951, page 4, columns 5 and 6. This article makes reference to the arrest of Albertson in connection with his prosecution under the Smith Act.

Enclosure

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POLITICAL NOTES

1. U. S. GESTAPO

The other day, President Truman made a speech in the Library of the American Congress at the ceremony devoted to "Completing measures for defence of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence" —a speech replete with praise for the "American way of life", American "rights" and "freedoms". As usual, the President failed to back his words with facts.

How do these American "rights" and "freedoms" look in practice? Well, here are some facts from American reality.

Mrs. Lima, wife of Albert Lima, a trade union leader recently arrested in the U. S., says:

"Three FBI agents forced their way into my home; they searched my husband's clothes and hustled him down the stairs. They did all this in the presence of myself and my eight-year-old daughter, shoved both of us around and did everything possible to create an atmosphere of fear, terror and intimidation".

"Today is exactly two weeks that my husband has been under 'house arrest', or 'protective custody'", writes the wife of William Albertson. "We are imprisoned 24 hours daily. Two cars flanking the front of the house and another car stationed alongside of our garage in the backyard. Each car has two or three agents. One or two are stationed in the homes of neighbors to keep constant watch. The street upon which we live has been silenced. Neighbors no longer hail one another but slip past each other with embarassed, averted eyes. An oppressive hush has fallen like a giant hand smothering the life of a community.

"They brazenly and openly train their cameras upon anyone entering our house. They follow my husband and our son to our lawyer's office and wait in the corridor for them to emerge. They follow them to the Communist Party office waiting outside and snapping pictures of all coming and going. They follow us all, my husband, two sons and myself into restaurants and inform the waitress who they are and that we are being watched. Yesterday they even went to the market with us".

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ENCLOSURE

This is a description not of Ku-Klux-Klan raids or Hitler Gestapo pogroms but of actions by police officials of the United States of America.

"FBI agents are not human when they are on the job". Such was the reply made by Assistant U.S. Attorney Walter Birns to relatives of people arrested in Los Angeles. Quite inadvertently, this shell-backed official gave an exact characterisation of the people administering American "justice".

Phillip Frankfield, Communist leader in Baltimore, was arrested in New York in the company of his eight-year-old daughter. Secret police agents seized Frankfield, handcuffed him and took father and daughter off to jail. Simultaneously with the arrest of Frankfield in New York, FBI agents raided his home in Cleveland, arrested his wife and tore her away from the other children.

Steve Nelson, Communist leader in Pittsburgh, who was seriously ill as a result of severe injuries received in an automobile crash and who, due to broken bones, could only get about with great difficulty with the aid of crutches, was dragged one night from his bed by FBI sadists and taken to prison.

...After Mr. Truman's speech, the texts of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence were placed in special caskets and hermetically sealed to preserve them from decay, as the President put it. Thus, "defence" of those documents was expressed in completely burying them. And the "solemn ceremony" so colourfully described by the bourgeois press looked—in the light of the above facts—as a funeral service for the "rights" and "freedoms" of American citizens.

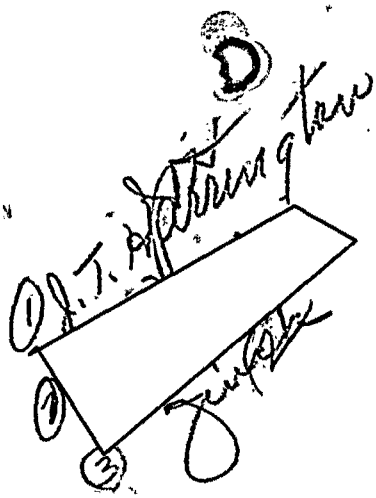
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FBI, DETROIT 11-16-51 11-16PM EST

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS NEW YORK AND PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT OF FORTY. ALBERTSON THIS DATE MADE RESERVATIONS ON NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE HUNDRED LEAVING DETROIT TWO FORTY FIVE PM MONDAY NOV. NINETEEN, ARRIVING IDLEWILD AIRPORT FIVE TWENTYFIVE PM EST. NO RETURN RESERVATION MADE. SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS MALE, WHITE, FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE EIGHTY LBS., MED. HEAVY BUILD, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLACK AND GREY CURLY HAIR, USUALLY WEARS HEAVY HORN RIMMED GLASSES. BUREAU DESIROUS OF MAINTAINING KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT-S ACTIVITIES. ADVISE OF SUBJECT-S ARRIVAL NYC AND OF DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION. SUBJECT-S DEPARTURE HERE WILL BE VERIFIED.

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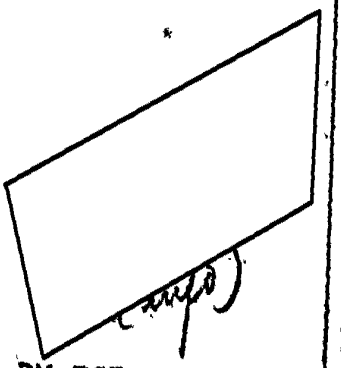
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, INTERNAL SECURITY C, SMITH ACT. REMYTEL NOVEMBER SIXTEEN. ALBERTSON DEPARTED DETROIT AS INDICATED, REFERENCE TELETYPE. SUBJECT WAS HATLESS, WEARING YELLOW SCARF, DARK GREY OVERCOAT, BROWN SHOES, CARRYING A BROWN LEATHER OVERNIGHT BAG.

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FROM DETROIT 11-21-51 NR 211601 12:22 PM

DIRECTOR URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT, 1940. SUBJECT DEPARTED DETROIT NOVEMBER 19 LAST AND IS PRESENTLY IN NEW YORK CITY, WHEREABOUTS KNOWN TO NEW YORK DIVISION.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT, FORTY. RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO NY DATED NOV. SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE. ALBERTSON ARRIVED IDLEWILD AIRPORT, NYC, FIVE THIRTY PM., NOV. NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AND GREETED BY WIFE. ATTENDED A MEETING APPARENTLY HELD BY CP LEADERS AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS THIS DATE. NY WILL ADVISE AS TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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FBI, DETROIT 11-28-51 12-20 PM EST G.I.R.-6 CGB

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C., SMITH ACT, FORTY. ALBERTSON PRESENTLY IN DETROIT AND WHEREABOUTS KNOWN.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS - C, SMITH ACT, FORTY. SUBJECT IN DETROIT AREA AND WHEREABOUTS KNOWN.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: December 14, 1951

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749) 90764

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re Prosecutive Summary Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 7-14-51, and my let to Bureau, 7-14-51.

Transmitted herewith are five copies of a Supplemental Prosecutive Summary Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 12-14-51, which sets forth all additional admissible evidence contained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office regarding the subject.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INFORMANTS UTILIZED IN THE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT OF SA [redacted] PITTSBURGH, DATED DECEMBER 14, 1951

It is noted that Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3, utilized in the attached report, are identical with Confidential Informants T-2 and T-3 used in referenced report, and background information concerning these informants was set forth in referenced report. They were further identified in refrenced letter to the Bureau, dated 7-14-51.

Set forth hereinafter is the identity of the additional confidential informants which were utilized in the attached report:

Confidential Informant T-8

~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES~~
~~AND FIELD OFFICES~~
~~ADVISED BY SCUTTER~~
~~SLIP(S) OF Declassification~~
~~DATE 9/19/72 PB~~

ATTACHED

T-8 is New York Security Informant [redacted] a current member of the CP, and is considered reliable. This informant is in his 40's and native born. He is a CP Club Organizer in New York and has been a paid informant of the New York Office since 1944. The New York Office advised that they believe that this informant would make a good witness; however, New York does not feel that he should be exposed at this time. (C)(U)

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Confidential Informant T-9

T-9 is Detroit Security Informant [redacted] is currently a member of the CP and is considered reliable. Informant is 50 years of age and joined the CP in 1946. This informant was

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originally an informant for the A.C. Spark Plug Company, Flint, Michigan. This informant continues to operate and all information she submits is made available to the Detroit Office through [redacted] (C) (U).

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Confidential Informant T-10

T-10 is Detroit Security Informant [redacted] is currently a member of the CP and is considered reliable. This informant is a high school graduate and joined District No. 7, CP, at Detroit in 1939. He has held offices in neighborhood clubs and is trusted by functionaries of District 7, CP. He is currently active paid informant of the Detroit Office. (C) (U)

Confidential Informant T-11

T-11 is Detroit Security Informant [redacted] is currently a member of the CP and is considered reliable. This informant joined the CP at Detroit, Michigan, in 1943. She is a high school graduate and hasheld several offices in the CP Movement in Detroit, Michigan. She is highly trusted by District No. 7, CP, functionaries and is available upon request. Informant recently appeared before the secret Grand Jury Hearings in New York and is awaiting a call to appear before the Washington, D.C., Hearings on the Internal Security Act of 1950. (C) (U)

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Confidential Informant T-12

T-12 is Detroit Security Informant [redacted] is currently a member of the CP and is considered reliable. This informant is 57 years of age, married and has three children. Informant joined the IWO in 1940 and has been a member of District No. 7, CP, since 1944. Informant currently holds an officer's status within his section. Informant is currently an active paid informant of the Detroit Office. Informant presents a neat appearance and speaks Russian, Ukrainian, Polish and Slovenian languages fluently. (C) (U)

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Confidential Informant T-13

T-13 is Detroit Security Informant [redacted] is currently a member of the CP and is considered reliable. This informant is 27 years of age and completed one year of college. Informant has been a member of the Labor Youth League and the CP since 1949. She has held an office in both the Labor Youth League and District 7, CP. Informant was discontinued as a paid informant of the Detroit Office in 1951; however the Detroit Office still accepts any information submitted by her. Informant has a tendency to exert emotional instability; however, this behavior is characterized as a wilfull complex. Informant is intelligent and, after she settles down a bit, is mentally alert and can express herself intelligently. (C)(U)

Confidential Informant T-14

T-14 is Cleveland Security Informant [redacted] is currently a member of the CP, is considered reliable and has no known criminal record. This informant has been a member of the CP since 1945. This informant was a member of the Professional Club in the Akron, Ohio, area. (C)(U)

Confidential Informant T-15

T-15 is Detroit Security Informant [redacted] is currently a member of the CP and is considered reliable. This informant is 31 years of age, single and completed three and one half years of college. Informant has been a member of District 7, CP, since 1947. He has held offices in community clubs and presently holds an officer's status in a section of District 7, CP. He is currently an active paid informant of the Detroit Office, is intelligent, alert and expresses himself well. (C)(U)

Confidential Informant T-16

T-16 is Detroit Security Informant [redacted] is currently amember of the CP and is considered reliable. This informant is 37 years of age and completed the 10th grade in high school. (C)(U)

Informant has been a member of District 7, CP, since 1945 and related groups since 1948. Informant has held varied offices in CP Community Clubs, Sections and Front Groups. This informant presently holds an office in his Community Club and is currently an active paid informant of the Detroit Office. This informant does not have too neat an appearance; however, he is sure of his identifications and has a good memory of activities which occurred in the past. He is fairly well spoken and intelligent enough to have many of his articles used by the Party's official publications. (C) (U)

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SUPPLEMENTAL PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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B. Employment

1936 to 1943

Organizer and Secretary, Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City.

Witness advised that in December, 1936, Local 119, Food Workers Industrial Union, was merged with Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City, incidental to which WILLIAM ALBERTSON, then Acting Secretary of the former, was among those individuals taken into Local 16.

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Shortly thereafter, in February, 1937, ALBERTSON was appointed Acting Secretary of Local 16 when PAUL COULCHER, then Secretary, was convicted and sent to prison incidental to the JIMMY HINES bookmaking incident. In the June, 1937, union election, subject was elected as permanent Secretary until May, 1940. In April, 1940, subject was a candidate for President of Local 16, opposing DAVID SIEGAL, but was defeated. Witness advised that during part of 1940-1941 subject worked as a waiter in the now defunct Havana-Madrid Restaurant in New York City. In April, 1941, subject ran for the position of Organizer, but again suffered defeat. In April, 1942, subject once more ran for the position of Organizer in Local 16 and was elected. Subject also was re-elected to the same office in 1943.

Witness advised that in 1943 the subject requested a leave of absence, but same was refused him inasmuch as he would not furnish

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Local 16 a reason for the request. Subject resigned his position as Organizer of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City, at this time and never again returned to union headquarters.

Witness: JOSEPH RODRIQUEZ, Secretary-Treasurer Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.

1937-1939 Labor union official, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.

Exhibit No. 26: Certified copy of the annual registration certificates filed by subject with the Board of Elections, New York City, for the years 1937 to 1947, inclusive.

Witness: THOMAS A. CRENNAN, Chief Clerk, Borough of Brooklyn of the Board of Elections in the City of New York.

____ to 1940 Secretary, Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.

Witness advised that he was acquainted with the subject for several years prior to 1947, but explained that his dealings with him were of a strictly business nature. Witness knew the subject to have served as a Secretary for Local 16 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union in New York City, and that he had defeated the subject for the Presidency of that Local in 1940. Witness advised that it was generally understood that the subject was affiliated with the Communist Party; however, he could not furnish any specific proof of same.

Witness: DAVID SIEGAL, President, Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.

1940 — Waiter, Havana-Madrid Corporation, 1650 Broadway, New York City.

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1941-1942 — A waiter and labor union official.

Witness advised that as of June 16, 1941, at the time the subject was living at 59 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, the subject was employed as a waiter and subsequently by a labor union.

Witness: MRS. PHILIP WALDMAN, 155 West End Avenue, New York City, former landlord of the subject.

1943 — Labor union official, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.

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Witness: THOMAS A. CRENNAN, Chief Clerk, Borough of Brooklyn of the Board of Elections in the City of New York.

1944-1945 — Business: 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, EX.

Location: 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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It is noted that according to Exhibit Number 4, namely, DDS Form 42 B, of the records maintained in the subject's Selective Service File, it sets forth that the address of 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, is that of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association.

1943-1947 Secretary to PETER V. CACCHIONE, City Councilman, Communist Party, New York City.

Witness advised that following subject's resignation as Organizer of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City, in 1943, the subject became Secretary to PETER V. CACCHIONE, City Councilman, Communist Party, New York City, which position the subject held until CACCHIONE's death in 1947.

Witness: JOSEPH RODRIQUEZ, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City

F. Chronological History of Residences

1937-1939 107 A Hampton Avenue, New York City.

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1940-1942 — 59 West End Avenue, New York City.

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Witness: THOMAS A. CRENNAN, Chief Clerk, Borough of Brooklyn of the Board of Elections in the City of New York.

1941-1942 — 59 West End Avenue, New York City.

Witness: MRS. PHILIP WALDMAN, 155 West End Avenue, New York City, former landlord of subject.

1943 — 602 Banner Avenue, New York City.

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Witness: THOMAS A. CRENNAN, Chief Clerk, Borough of Brooklyn of the Board of Elections in the City of New York.

1944-1947 — 1980 E. Twelfth Street, New York City.

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Witness: THOMAS A. CRENNAN, Chief Clerk, Borough of Brooklyn of the Board of Elections in the City of New York.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

A. Data Surrounding Admission to Party

Witness can testify that WILLIAM ALBERTSON came from the Young Communist League into the Communist Party, and that he was an active leader in the Young Communist League for a number of years, and just before the Food Workers Industrial Union was broken up (approximately December, 1936) he was made an Organizer along with MIKE OBERMEIER of Local 119, of the Hotel Workers Union which had its office at Eighth Avenue near 54th Street, New York City. Subject subsequently became Secretary of Local 16 (Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union), serving in that capacity for several years. Subject was a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party and was considered the favorite of ROSE WORTIS, of the Trade Union Commission of the New York State Committee.

Witness: MANNING JOHNSON,
1536 Lexington Avenue, Apartment 6H,
New York City.

B. Chronological History of Party Positions

Witness advised that he entered the University of Pittsburgh during the fall of 1928 and believed that ALBERTSON entered the University about the fall of 1927.

Witness advised that he was head of the Socialist Unit of the student body and was also head of the Socialist faction within the "Liberal Club" at the University. Witness stated that it soon became apparent to him that WILLIAM ALBERTSON represented the Communist Unit of the student body and the Communist faction within the liberal club.

He described the Liberal Club as being an organization made up of the University of Pittsburgh students who were Socialists, Communist and moderate Liberalists. He stated that the Liberal Club was originally founded by NORMAN THOMAS about 1927 as a campus group; however, it later became infiltrated by the Communists.

Witness advised that in his position in the Socialist group on the University campus it became necessary, from time to time, to contact ALBERTSON, the head of the Communist faction, and as a result of his contacts it soon became

apparent that ALBERTSON was a Communist who felt himself as being important to the Communist movement. Witness advised that during the time ALBERTSON was a student at the University of Pittsburgh, ALBERTSON had informed him that his father was, during that time, a foreman or superintendent in a Soviet textile factory in Leningrad, Russia.

Witness advised that he never fully realized the power and influence of ALBERTSON until the latter part of 1928 or the early part of 1929, at which time ALBERTSON was elected President of the "Liberal Club." Witness stated that he was backing the opposing "Socialist" slate and felt very confident of victory; however, ALBERTSON won by an overwhelming majority and, after becoming President, ALBERTSON was instrumental in getting enough of his Communist followers elected to the Executive Board to control it.

A meeting of the Liberal Club was planned to be held during the spring of 1929 and authorization for the meeting was granted by the Registrar's Office of the University; however, prior to the meeting the Registrar's Office changed their mind and notified the club that the meeting could not be held. Witness advised that since arrangements had already been made for Professor HARRY ELMER BARNES, Professor of History, Smith College, and Chief Editorial Consultant, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, to be speaker at the affair, the club decided to go ahead with the meeting anyway. The meeting began on the steps of Thaw Hall at the University; however, countless policemen broke up the meeting and chased them from the campus. They reorganized across the street from the campus in a parking lot, where the meeting was actually held.

Witness advised that shortly after the meeting was held WILLIAM ALBERTSON, FREDERICK WOLTMAN, now of the "New York Work Telegram and Sun," and himself were expelled from the University for holding an unauthorized student meeting on the campus. Following the expulsion the three expelled students sought an injunction against the school in an effort to become reinstated, with negative results. Witness advised that the incident attracted wide publicity.

Witness advised that during the latter part of June, 1929, a street meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., in behalf of the Teamsters Union, American Federation of Labor, was held and that during the meeting ALBERTSON, although apparently in sympathy with the strike, appeared on the fringe of the grounds heckling the meeting and distributing Communist Party material, attacking the administration of the strike, the union officers and the International Union.

During the time ALBERTSON was a student at the University of Pittsburgh, he

was openly a Communist and almost everyone who came in contact with him knew it. Witness advised that during that time ALBERTSON had told him, on several occasions, that he was going to Communist Party Headquarters to receive instructions. Witness advised that the subject was instrumental in obtaining JULIA STEWART POINTS as a Communist Party speaker for the Communist candidates who were running for election in the fall of 1928, and that POINTS, through the subject's efforts, spoke to the Liberal Club.

Witness advised that after he became a Socialist Organizer about 1930, he met ALBERTSON and told him of his arrangements with the Socialist Party as to salary and expense account, to which the subject remarked, "We of the Communist Party" never have any such "cushy" arrangements..... "We live off the comrades."

Witness: ARTHUR GLADSTONE McDOWELL, Assistant to SAL B. HOFFMAN, President, Upholsterers International Union of North America, 1500 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

In February, 1944, ALBERTSON was a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party. Witness can testify that subject was a teacher in the Workers School of the Communist Party and came from the Young Communist League into the Communist Party, having been an active leader in the Young Communist League for a number of years.

Witness: MANNING JOHNSON
1536 Lexington Avenue, Apartment 6H
New York City.

In an article in the August 3, 1945, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 9, Column 1, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as a member of the Citizens Committee for the re-election of PETER V. CACCHIONE, Communist Councilman of the City of New York, and identified ALBERTSON as a Vice-President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association.

Exhibit No. 27: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the "Daily Worker" of August 3, 1945, Page 9, Column 1.

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Free Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

As of September 3, 1946, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed as a member of the Committee on Vacancies on the Communist Party Nominating Petition for the 1946 New York State elections, and his residence at that time was given as 1980 E. Twelfth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Witness: Confidential informant T-8.

An article in the March 9, 1947, issue of the "Worker," Page 12, Column 3, set forth a meeting notice of the Williamsburg Section of the Communist Party, 13 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Communist Party Assistant Labor Secretary, would be present on that date to answer questions on trade unions.

Exhibit No. 28: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the March 9, 1947, issue of the "Worker", Page 12, Column 3.

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Witness advised on July 2, 1950, that the key concentration point in Michigan of the Communist Party is now the General Motors Corporation and that to further Communist Party work in this organization and other automotive units, ALBERTSON was working full time for the Party and commuting from Detroit to Flint, Michigan, when necessary.

Witness: Confidential informant T-9.

Witness advised on August 27, 1950, that the subject was to be assigned as a member of the LaBelle Communist Club, Detroit, Michigan, without being liable for club activities. Witness was of the opinion that the subject was replacing CARL WINTER, District No. 7, Communist Party, Chairman, in Michigan.

Witness: Confidential informant T-10.

Witness advised on October 24, 1950, that ALBERTSON, in addition to his activities as trade union secretary, had taken over some of the functions of CARL WINTER, District No. 7, Communist Party Chairman, and SAUL WELLMAN,

National Communist Party Auto Coordinator, during intervals when the latter individuals were out of the district.

Witness: Confidential informant T-11

Witness advised on June 8, 1951, that the subject was permanently assigned to the Communist Party headquarters at 2419 Grand Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Witness: Confidential informant T-10

Witness advised on August 5, 1951, that ALBERTSON had given instructions that the Western Michigan Region Clubs of District No. 7 Communist Party were to continue to hold regular meetings each week from now on, and that the discussions at these meetings should center around the peace movement.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12

III. REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SUBJECT SHOWING ADVOCACY OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE OR VIOLENCE

No further information developed.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF OVER-ALL MARXIST-LENINIST PROGRAM OF COMMUNIST PARTY AIMED AT EVENTUAL OVER-THROW OF THE GOVERNMENT

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B. Writings

The June 7, 1930, issue of the "Daily Worker" contains an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON entitled "Workers' Defense Corps." In this article ALBERTSON discusses the formation of a Workers' Defense Corps as a mass Party "auxiliary" with functioning Communist factions therein. He describes the main function of such a workers' defense corps as the defending of the workers in their

class battles against the legal and extra-legal forces of capitalism on the picket lines, at demonstrations, etc. He states that it is not a Red Front fighters organization, neither is it the Labor Sports Union. It is composed of all those workers who wish to join it because they realize that they must defend themselves against the capitalist onslaughts, and that the best defense is an organized defense. He stated that the basis for the organization of the corps must be in the mills, mines, shops and factories. He stated "It is based also in the new Unions of the T. U. U. L., T. U. U. L. minorities in A. F. of L. locals, and T. U. U. L. shop committees. Wherever there is a shop nucleus of the Party or League, there must be built the Workers' Defense Corps."

He concluded his article with the following:

> "The Party must begin immediately to follow up its agitations work with real organizational work in the building of the Workers' Defense Corps into a broad mass working class organization."

Exhibit No. 29: Certified photostatic copy of an article by the subject in the June 7, 1930, issue of the "Daily Worker."

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

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The August 3, 1944, issue of the "Daily worker," Page 9, Column 1, carried an article under the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Vice-President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association, which stated, in substance, that every club executive secretary in Brooklyn would be personally and politically responsible for building the circulation of the "Daily" and "Sunday Worker." The article stated that the secretaries would be personally responsible in the sense that they would head the Press Committee in the Club and take responsibility for making these papers the major educational instrument of their members and the people in the community. They would be politically responsible in the sense that they would head the most important task of the Communist organization, the task of influencing thousands of community people for support to the Commander-in-Chief and his win-the-war and enduring peace policies. The article continued that this could be done the most effectively through the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" circulation.

Exhibit No. 30: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the August 3, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 9, Column 1.

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

D. Contacts Between the Subject and the Eleven Convicted Communist Party Leaders and Other National, District and State Leaders

The subject held discussions at different times during October and November, 1950, and January, 1951, with TOM DENNIS, Michigan State Organizational Secretary, District No. 7, Communist Party; CARL WINTER, District No. 7, Communist Party Chairman and member of the National Board, Communist Party-USA; SAUL WELLMAN, National Communist Party Auto Coordinator; ART McPHAUL and other leading Communist Party members of Michigan, for the purpose of preparing a new mailing list for the Communist Party, a new personnel questionnaire for individual members of the Communist Party, the yearly report for District No. 7, Communist Party, and to set the budget for the forthcoming year.

Witness: Confidential informant T-9.

During the period November, 1950, through February, 1951, the subject conferred on several occasions with CARL WINTER, District No. 7, Communist Party, Chairman, and member of National Board, Communist Party-USA; TOM DENNIS, Michigan State Organizational Secretary, District No. 7, Communist Party; HOWARD FOSTER, BERRY BLASSINGAME and other leading Communists in New York, Flint and Grand Rapids, Michigan, to discuss various matters of concern to the Communist Party. Plans were made to obtain representation in the Federal Government and the Government of the State of Michigan. Plans were also made during this period to send a delegation to the World Peace Conference at Sheffield, England, during November, 1950, and to send a delegation to Washington, D. C., during March, 1951.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

Confidential informants T-9 and T-13 can corroborate the above information.

The subject met with CARL WINTER, District No. 7, Communist Party Chairman and member of National Board, Communist Party-USA; SAUL WELLMAN, National Communist Party Auto Coordinator; PHIL SCHATZ, Dearborn, Michigan, Communist Party Section Organizer; NAT GANLEY, District No. 7, Communist Party functionary; and other leading members of the Communist Party in Detroit,

Michigan, on several occasions during November and December, 1950, and February, 1951. During these meetings the following topics were discussed, among others:

(1). The basis to be used for the defense of CARL WINTER (one of the eleven National Communist Party leaders convicted in New York City under the Smith Act).

(2). Security measures for Party operations.

(3). Policy to be followed by Communist Party members when questioned regarding subversion.

(4). Formulation of "Party line."

Witness: Confidential informant T-9.

On May 21, 1951, the subject was present at the regular meeting of the Western Michigan Section of District No. 7, Communist Party, which was held at 753 Ionia, SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Subject, in leading the discussion at this meeting, talked on the peace movement. In reference to this topic subject stated that during the previous week he had talked with EUGENE DENNIS (Secretary, Communist Party-USA and one of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders) in New York City, who had said that too little work was being done on the peace movement in Michigan. ALBERTSON also commented on the need for Party funds.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

E. Attendance at Important Meetings, Such as National Conventions and Plenums, District and State Conventions. (This section also includes local meetings believed pertinent, showing extent of subject's Communist Party activities)

Witness advised that he knew ALBERTSON as a Communist and that during the time subject was in New York City and a trade union official there, subject frequently visited the offices of the "Daily Worker." Witness also met ALBERTSON at meetings in the Roosevelt Building in New York City, where Communist Trade Union caucuses were held.

Witness: Confidential informant T-2.

Witness advised that the subject was a known Communist during the time he was associated with Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City (1936-1943), and that ALBERTSON would always march with the Communist Party delegation in the annual May Day Parade rather than the delegation representing Local 16.

Witness was of the opinion that ALBERTSON was in some way connected with the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City, but could not state in what capacity. (It is noted that the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City is an institution which falls within the purview of Executive Order 9835).

Witness: JOSEPH RODRIQUEZ, Secretary-Treasurer Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.

The subject attented a fraction meeting of the leaders of the Communist Party in the culinary industry in the spring of 1940 at the Hotel Edison Annex, New York City. Witness advised that the subject was known to him as a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, a teacher in the Workers School, and an assistant to ROSE WORTIS, of the Trade Union Commission of the New York State Committee.

Witness: MANNING JOHNSON, 1536 Lexington Avenue, Apartment 6 H, New York City

In January, 1941, the National Food Fraction of the Communist Party decided to take over the New York Joint Executive Board, made up of all local unions in the food industry. All non-Communist Party members were defeated in the subsequent election and were replaced by Communist Party members and sympathizers. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a Communist, was elected Recording Secretary of the New York Joint Executive Board.

Witness: MANNING JOHNSON, 1536 Lexington Avenue, Apartment 6 H, New York City

Witness advised that as of June 16, 1941, ALBERTSON frequently told her that he was a member of the Communist Party and on one or two occasions had asked her to join the Party but had never insisted. Approximately three months prior to this time, ALBERTSON believed that he was to be inducted into the U.S. Army and, as a result, the Brighton Beach Club of the Communist Party,

located at Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, held a party for him, at which ALBERTSON and his wife were present as guests of honor.

Witness: MRS. PHILIP WALDMAN, [redacted] former landlord of subject. b6 b7C

The subject attended a EARL BROWDER rally held at the Diplomant Hotel, 108 W. 43rd Street, New York City, on February 18, 1942. The subject was chairman at this meeting.

Witness: NATHAN SHAPIRO, 1929 - 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York City.

On March 4, 1942, the subject attended a free EARL BROWDER meeting held at Pel Park Palace, 708 Lydig Avenue, Bronx, New York, which was held under the auspices of the Communist Party. The subject was a speaker at this meeting.

Witness: PETER A. RODRIQUEZ, 235 W. 46th Street Manhattan, New York City.

The subject attended a Communist Party free EARL BROWDER rally which was held at Chateau D'Or, Ocean Avenue and Avenue U, Brooklyn, New York, on March 5, 1942. At this meeting the subject was one of the speakers.

Witness: NATHAN SHAPIRO, 1929 - 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York City.

The subject attended a free EARL BROWDER rally held at St. Philip's Church, 2606 Deane Street, Brooklyn, New York, on March 12, 1942. The subject was a speaker at this rally.

Witness: PETER A. RODRIQUEZ, 235 W. 46th Street Manhattan, New York City.

The subject attended a free EARL BROWDER rally which was held on March 30, 1942, at the Casa D'Amos, 2912 W. 31st Street, Brooklyn, New York. The subject was one of the speakers at this rally.

Witness: NATHAN SHAPIRO, 1929 - 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York City.

The subject attended an open air meeting under the auspices of the Communist Party, which was held at Union Square, New York City, on September 24, 1942, which was a second front rally. The subject was one of the speakers at this meeting.

Witness: PETER A. RODRIQUEZ, 235 W. 46th Street, Manhattan, New York City.

The subject attended a Communist Party meeting held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd Street, New York City, on October 28, 1942. The subject acted as Chairman at this meeting.

Witness: PETER A. RODRIQUEZ, 235 W. 46th Street, Manhattan, New York City.

The subject attended a Communist Party meeting which was held on May 14, 1943, at Manhattan Center, 8th Avenue and 34th Street, New York City. The subject acted as the chairman of this meeting.

Witness: NATHAN SHAPIRO, 1929 - 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York City.

Subject attended an election rally and "opening of the Western front" which was held under the auspices of the Kings County Communist Party Election Campaign Committee at the Menorah Temple, 14th Avenue and 50th Street, Brooklyn, New York, on September 23, 1943. The subject was one of the speakers at this rally.

Witness: NATHAN SHAPIRO, 1929 - 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York City.

Subject attended an election rally for Communist candidate for City Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE, which was held under the auspices of the Kings County Communist Party Executive Committee on October 3, 1943, at the St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, New York. The subject was the chairman of this rally.

Witness: NATHAN SHAPIRO, 1929 - 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York City.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, of New York City, was elected a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association of New York State at a convention held in Manhattan Center, New York City on June 10 and 11, 1944, at which time the Communist Party of New York State was dissolved and the Communist Political Association of New York State was formed.

Witness: FREDERICK WOLTMAN, Staff Writer, "New York World Telegram and Sun," 125 Broadway, New York City.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, of New York City, was a member of the Resolutions Committee from the Kings County Communist Party at the New York State Communist Political Association Convention held at Manhattan Center, 8th Avenue and 34th Street, New York City, on June 10 and 11, 1944.

Witness: NELSON FRANK, Staff Writer, "New York World Telegram and Sun," 125 Broadway, New York City.

At a Lenin Memorial Meeting, sponsored by the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association, which was held in Madison Square Garden, 50th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, on January 15, 1945, subject was honored by the presentation of a pen and pencil set for leading the Kings County Communist Political Association with the largest number of subscriptions obtained during the drive for the "Worker."

Witness: JOHN HUBER, 16 Cortlandt Street, Mt. Vernon, New York.

The subject, as Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA, attended a meeting of an American Federation of Labor Club of Summit County, Ohio, Communist Party, which was held at the Akron, Ohio, Communist Party Headquarters on January 12, 1947. Subject made a speech, emphasizing the mistake the Party had made in neglecting to build Party clubs in the American Federation of Labor; however, it had been making progress in the Congress of Industrial Organizations. ALBERTSON stated that the top executives of the American Federation of Labor were reactionary in their thinking, but that there were plenty of progressives in the lower levels of the local union forces and in the rank and file members. Subject continued by declaring that the new policy of the Communist Party was the infiltration of the ranks of the American Federation of Labor and to seek to undermine the policy

of its top executives and to achieve a unity with the Congress of Industrial Organizations in "the fight against the forces of big business and reaction represented by the new Congress," which seeks to crush the progressive movement, smash the unions, and establish American Fascism preparatory to following an American Imperialistic line abroad.

The subject also stated at this meeting that there were 10,000 Communists in the American Federation of Labor union in this country, and that the Party must concentrate its efforts for American Federation of Labor members in the coming months.

Witness: Confidential informant T-14.

Subject was present at a District No. 5, Communist Party, conference which was held on Saturday afternoon, November 12, 1949, at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. There were approximately fifty individuals present. The future program of District No. 5, Communist Party, which was worked out at this conference, was: to secure 600 new subscriptions for the "Daily Worker"; to obtain $5,000.00 defense funds; to obtain 100 new members for the Party; and the sale of 1,000 copies of the pamphlet concerning the trial of the eleven Communist Party leaders entitled, "Due Process In A Political Trial."

Witness: Confidential informant T-3.

On May 16, 1950, according to FRANK ~~MELDER~~, Communist Party member at Grand Rapids, Michigan, subject had been sent to Grand Rapids to investigate the case of ROBERT ~~LeBARON~~, whose expulsion from the Party was under consideration. MELDER stated that ALBERTSON was familiar with the problem of "renegades" and Federal Bureau of Investigation"stools," inasmuch as he had been in New York and Pittsburgh and had conducted investigation prior to the expulsion of MATT CVETIC. MELDER further advised that ALBERTSON wanted to speak to Communist Party members in that area regarding LeBARON so that he could decide whether LeBARON left anyone in Grand Rapids to carry out his work as MATT CVETIC was trying to do.

On May 14, 1950, ALBERTSON attended a meeting at the home of ~~TED~~ THEODORE, Communist Party Section Organizer, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and criticized the members for not stopping LeBARON. ALBERTSON stated that the

Bourgeoisie were trying to destroy the Communist Party because they were afraid of it. He gave as an example the conviction of the eleven Communist Party leaders in New York, and said that the ruling class was trying to destroy the Party: (1). By passing such laws as the Mundt-Nixon Bill; (2). By planting Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents in Communist Party clubs and sections and by getting hold of dissatisfied members and, in some cases, forcing them to give information; and (3). By using "renegades" like HARRISON GEORGE on the West Coast. ALBERTSON also analyzed the situation which allowed Trotskyism to gain headway among Communist Party members and gave examples of "stool pigeons" together with suggestions as to how to defeat them. He stated the situation all started with EARL BROWDER. ALBERTSON also attended a similar meeting in Muskegon on May 15, 1950, at the home of JENNY HUBBARD, and discussed the same matters which were covered at Grand Rapids.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

On August 10, 1950, several Communist Party Sections met together at District No. 7, Communist Party Headquarters, 2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, to hear WILLIAM ALBERTSON report on the Korean War. ALBERTSON stated, in this connection, that the Korean War was an unjust war and that the Koreans were fighting for their independence.

Witness: Confidential informant T-15.

On August 11, 1950, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of Communist Party West Side leaders at Magnolia Hall, Detroit, Michigan, where the subject was introduced by PHIL SCHATZ, Dearborn, Michigan, Section Organizer for the Communist Party, as "one of our Party educational leaders." The subject outlined at this meeting the Korean situation and "our activities in connection with this all-out Imperialist attack on the people of Korea."

Witness: Confidential informant T-16.

Subject attended a Section Convention of the Western Michigan Communist Clubs held at 430 Prospect, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on January 31, 1951. At this meeting the subject, as the main speaker, gave a report on the highlights of the recent National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City. ALBERTSON stated in his talk that he had been attending the National

Convention of the Communist Party every year since 1929.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

On February 18, 1951, the subject attended a meeting of the Western Michigan Section of the Communist Party, District No. 7, Communist Party, held at 753 Ionia, SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. At this meeting ALBERTSON stated that the Western Michigan Section of the Communist Party was to be divided for security reasons, and that sections would be patterned after the European underground movement which took place during World War II. ALBERTSON also gave instructions that the International Workers Order (cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835) in Western Michigan should destroy its minute books inasmuch as the books have information in them indicating that the organization is subversive.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

On February 20, 1951, the subject attended a regional organizers' meeting for District No. 7, Communist Party, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan. The subject opened this meeting by announcing that its purpose was to form an authoritative body that could function as the top authority for District No. 7, Communist Party. ALBERTSON, during the course of his speech, remarked that the State Committee of District No. 7, Communist Party, was made up of seven members, one of whom included himself.

Witness: Confidential informant T-10.

On March 18, 1951, the subject attended a meeting of the Regional Committee of the Western Michigan Region, District No. 7, Communist Party, at 753 Ionia, SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. ALBERTSON, as the main speaker at this meeting, spoke on working for peace, during which he stated that a goal had been set to obtain 10,000,000 people to attend a peace crusade in Washington, D. C., during 1952.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

On June 18, 1951, the subject met with the Western Michigan Region, District No. 7, Communist Party, leadership at 753 Ionia, SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. At this meeting ALBERTSON led the discussion and spoke on the

coming Chicago Peace Conference, urging that members from that section attend.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

The subject, on July 15, 1951, attended a Region Committee meeting of the Western Michigan Region of District No. 7, Communist Party, held at 753 Ionia, SW, Grand Rapids. At this meeting, the subject, as the main speaker, talked at great length on the necessity of continuing the peace crusade and the need for continued circulation of the "Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

F. Attendance At Communist Party Schools or Subject's Acting as Instructor At Communist Party Schools

Witness advised that in July, 1942, he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the Secretary of the Hotel Trade Union Local Number 16, and that he was an instructor in Communism at shop meetings. Witness knew ALBERTSON, a union member under JAY RUBIN, President of the Hotel Trades Council, Edison Hotel Annex, New York City, as a Communist through his activities.

Witness: JOSEPH T. SULLIVAN, [redacted] b6 b7C

Subject attended a Communist Party meeting on August 1, 1950, at the home of HOWARD FALK, of Flint, Michigan, at which the subject was the principal speaker and instructor. The Stockholm Peace Pledge was discussed and it was stated that only 2,500 signatures had been obtained in Flint, Michigan, and that these had been secured by only four or five comrades. In reply to a question as to whether it was time to go underground, ALBERTSON stated that the Party entertained no such thought, but that the Communists had to be prepared to take a great deal more abuse than they were presently taking. He said that leaflet distribution might have to be discontinued at plant gates during the day and be distributed at night. He also said that groups were being broken down into four members, and that these members were to have discussions with members only in their own group. Witness advised that it had been decided that the Industrial Group should be under the direct supervision of ALBERTSON, and that no one was to contact JACK WHITE, Communist Party Organizer in Flint, Michigan, in this regard. At this meeting ALBERTSON also discussed the situation in Korea, comparing it to the

situation in this country in 1776. He stated that the United States was using the same tactics as HITLER; that the negroes in Korea were being used to put fear into the negro people; and that it was a shameful tactic, using one group of oppressed colored people against another group of oppressed people.

Witness: Confidential informant T-9.

V. FALSE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SUBJECT, INCLUDING THE USE OF ALIASES

No pertinent information developed. (?)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

Witness can testify that in addition to the political activity engaged in by WILLIAM ALBERTSON during his association with the American Federation of Labor, he assisted in the Communist sponsored drive for trade union collaboration among the workers of Great Britian, the Soviet Union and the United States.

Witness: MANNING JOHNSON, 1536 Lexington Avenue, Apartment 6 H, New York City

The name WILLIAM ALBERTSON appears in the March 25, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 2, Column 6, with one-hundred other union leaders, as one of the officials protesting the anti-Soviet campaign in the Alter-Erlich Case.

Exhibit No. 31: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the March 25, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker", Page 2, Column 6.

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON appears on Page 2, Column 4, of the July 3, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker," among one-hundred other American Federation of Labor leaders, indicating those who had signed a cablegram which sent greetings to Soviet labor. The cablegram read as follows:

"You and your Red Army have done a marvelous job in stemming and rolling back the Fascist hordes, who are bent on destroying civilization and the freedom of all democratic nations.

"Today the workers of all united nations, including ours, are bending every effort to effect as quickly as possible the military destruction of the axis powers and their ideology. Together, on the European and other battlefields, we will crush HITLER and his satellites.

"With the growing unity of labor and of the united nations, we march together for speedy victory."

ALBERTSON was set forth in this article as General Organizer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16.

Exhibit No. 32: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the July 3, 1943, issued of the "Daily Worker," Page 2, Column 4.

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

The September 10, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 1, Column 2, reflects that the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON appears with forty union leaders who organized a non-partisan labor committee to re-elect Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE, Brooklyn Communist.

Exhibit No. 33: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the September 10, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 1, Column 2.

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The September 30, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 1, Column 3, and Page 6, Column 5, contains an article concerning the election campaign of PETER V. CACCHIONE, which lists WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Secretary of the Labor Division of the Citizens Committee to re-elect Councilman PETER V.

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CACCHIONE, Communist candidate for the New York City Council.

Exhibit No. 34: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the September 30, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 1, Column 3, and Page 6, Column 5.

Witness: Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street Pittsburgh, Pa.

VI. APPENDIX - WITNESSES

The following are the witnesses, set forth in the order in which they appear in the previous sections of this report:

Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page No.
JOSEPH RODRIQUEZ, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.	This witness can produce, upon the issuance of an appropriate subpoena, the records of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City, reflecting subject's affiliation with said union. This witness can testify from his personal knowledge of the subject's employment as a union official with the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City, from 1936 to 1943, and the subject's employment as Secretary to PETER V. CACCHIONE, Communist Party City Councilman of New York City, from 1943 to 1947. RODRIQUEZ is Spanish born and has served as Secretary-Treasurer of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City, since April, 1940.	2, 4 14

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THOMAS A. CRENNAN, Chief Clerk, Borough of Brooklyn of the Board of Elections in the City of New York.	This witness can produce, upon the issuance of an appropriate subpoena, the original annual registration certificates filed by the subject with the Board of Elections in the City of New York between the years 1937 to 1947, inclusive.	2, 3 4, 5
DAVID SIEGAL, President, Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, 752 - 8th Avenue, New York City.	This witness can testify that he was acquainted with the subject for several years prior to 1947 in dealings of a strictly business nature, and knew the subject to have served as Secretary for Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City. This witness can testify that he defeated the subject in 1940 for the Presidency of Local 16.	2
MRS. PHILIP WALDMAN, [redacted]	This witness can testify that she was the former landlord of the subject; that in 1941-1942 the subject resided at 59 West End Avenue, New York City; that he was a member of the Communist Party in New York City; and that the subject attended a party in his honor in 1941, which was sponsored by the Brighton Beach Club of the Communist Party, located at Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.	3, 5 15
MANNING JOHNSON, 1536 Lexington Avenue, Apartment 6 H, New York City	This witness was born in 1908 at Washington, D. C., and is a graduate of the Armstrong Technical School in Washington, D.C. He is presently employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York City and has	6, 8 14

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testified in numerous deportation proceedings. He has an extensive past employment history as a labor union official.

In 1930 at Buffalo, New York, JOHNSON was arrested for wilfully delaying an officer in the prosecution of his duty, which charge was dismissed. About 1933 in New York City he was arrested for disorderly conduct in connection with a Horn and Hardart strike, which charge was also dismissed.

JOHNSON was a Communist Party member from 1930 to 1939 and attended a Communist Party training school in New York City in 1932. He served as District Organizer for Western New York from 1932 through 1934 for the Communist Party. In 1934 he became National Negro Organizer for the Trade Union Unity League until it was abolished in 1935 or 1936. He was Business Agent of Local 110, the Cafeteria Workers Union, from 1936 to 1940. He helped to organize the National Negro Congress and the League Against War and Fascism during those years. In 1936, JOHNSON was elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party. He attended all national conventions while a member of the Communist Party, and numerous meetings of the National Committee and the Political Bureau.

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	He was discharged from the Communist Party for continual deviations from Party policy. He has testified many times before Immigration and Naturalization Service hearings and Congressional Committees and it is, therefore, believed that he would be available to testify.	
	This witness can testify that the subject came from the Young Communist League into the Communist Party, and that he was an active leader in the Young Communist League for a number of years; that the subject was Organizer and later Secretary for Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, New York City; that the subject was a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party; that the subject was a teacher in the Communist Party Workers School; and that the subject was a very active member in the Communist Party in New York City.	
ARTHUR GLADSTONE MC DOWELL, Assistant to SAL B. HOFFMAN, President, Upholsterers International Union of North America, 1500 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	This witness can testify that he attended the University of Pittsburgh in 1928 and 1929 at the same time the subject was there; that he, as head of the Socialist faction within the Liberal Club at the University of Pittsburgh, was in contact frequently with the subject, who was President of the Liberal Club; and that the subject's actions, associations and statements left no doubt in his mind that the subject was, in 1929, a member of the Communist Party. This witness can	8

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	also testify that the subject informed him, about 1930, that he was a Communist Party member; that the subject told him on several occasions that he was going to Communist Party Headquarters for instructions; and that he, the subject, and FREDERICK WOLTMAN, were expelled from the University of Pittsburgh in approximately June, 1929, as a result of their activities in the Liberal Club.	
Confidential Informant T-8	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that as of September, 1946, the subject was listed as a member on the Committee on Vacancies on the Communist Party Nominating Petition for the New York State elections; and that the subject was presented a pen and pencil set on January 15, 1945, at a Lenin Memorial Meeting sponsored by the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association for his leading the Kings County Communist Political Association with the largest number of subscriptions for the "Worker."	9
Confidential Informant T-9	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that as of July, 1950, the subject was working on a full time basis for District No. 7, Communist Party, and giving considerable time to the Automotive Communist Party Units, particularly those of the General Motors Corporation, the key Communist Party concentration point in Michigan; that the subject was in contact frequently during October and November, 1950, and January, 1951,	9, 12, 13, 22

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	with top District No. 7 Communist Party, leaders, including CARL WINTER, one of the eleven convicted National Communist Party leaders, coordinating procedures, personnel and budget matters within District No. 7, Communist Party; and that the subject also attended in 1950 and 1951 numerous District No. 7, Communist Party, meetings, at which the subject was the principal speaker.	
Confidential Informant T-10	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that as of August, 1950, the subject was to be assigned as a member of the LaBelle Communist Club, Detroit, Michigan, without being liable for club activities; that the subject was, as of June, 1951, permanently assigned to District No. 7, Communist Party Headquarters, in Detroit, Michigan; and that the subject attended a Regional Organizers meeting of District No. 7, Communist Party, on February 20, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan, at which subject stated that he was one of seven members of the Michigan State Communist Party Committee.	9, 10, 20
Confidential Informant T-11	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that as of October, 1950, the subject, in addition to his activities as Trade Union Secretary of District No. 7,	10

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	Communist Party, had taken over some of the functions of CARL WINTER, District No. 7, Communist Party, Chairman, and SAUL WELLMAN, National Communist Party Auto Coordinator, during intervals when these individuals were out of the district.	
Confidential Informant T-12	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party, pleasant, neat in appearance and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject did confer on several occasions during the period November, 1950, through February, 1951, with top District No. 7, Communist Party, leaders, including CARL WINTER, one of the eleven convicted National Communist Party leaders, to discuss various matters and policies of concern to the Communist Party; that the subject attended a meeting of the Western Michigan Section of District No. 7, Communist Party, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on May 21, 1951, at which the subject stated he had talked the previous week with EUGENE DENNIS, Secretary of the Communist Party-USA, and one of the eleven convicted Communist Party leaders, in New York City; that the subject attended a Section Convention of the Western Michigan Communist Clubs on January 21, 1951, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at which subject was the main speaker; and that subject attended a Region Committee meeting of the Western Michigan Region on March 18, 1951, and July 15, 1951, and attended various other District No. 7, Communist Party functions.	10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21

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Confidential Informant T-13	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness has a tendency to exert emotional instability; however, this behavior is characterized as a wilful complex. Witness is intelligent and, after settling down a bit, is mentally alert and can express self intelligently. This witness can testify that the subject did cnnfer on several occasions during the period November, 1950, through February, 1951, with top District No. 7, Communist Party leaders, including CARL WINTER, District No. 7, Communist Party Chairman, and one of the 11 convicted Communist Party leaders, to discuss various matters and policies of concern to the Communist Party.	12
Confidential Informant T-2	(Background information regarding this witness was set forth in Prosecutive Summary Report of Special Agent [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951). This witness can also testify that he knew ALBERTSON as a Communist; that he frequently visited the "Daily Worker" offices in New York City; and that he attended meetings with the subject at the Roosevelt Building in New York City.	13
NATHAN SHAPIRO, 1929 - 74th Street, Brooklyn, New York City.	This witness was an under-cover agent for the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, from July, 1941, to December, 1943, and is now a detective assigned to the 88th Squad. He was appointed to the Police Department on February 17, 1939. This witness	15, 16

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	was born November 30, 1911, in the United States. (U) This witness can testify that the subject attended an EARL BROWDER rally at the Diplomat Hotel, 108 W. 43rd Street, New York City, on February 18, 1942; the free EARL BROWDER rally at the Chateau D'Or, Ocean Avenue and Avenue U, Brooklyn, New York, on March 5, 1942; the free EARL BROWDER rally at the Casa D'Amos, 2912 W. 31st Street, Brooklyn, New York, on March 30, 1942; and several other Communist Party meetings in New York City during 1943.	
PETER A. RODRIQUEZ 235 W. 46th Street Manhattan, New York City	This witness was an under-cover agent of the Alien Squad, New York City Police Department, from October, 1941, to April, 1944, and is now a patrolman in the 23rd Precinct, New York City. He was born on May 4, 1907 in the United States, and was appointed to the Police Department on July 1, 1938. 563 (U) This witness can testify that the subject attended a free EARL BROWDER meeting at Pel Park Palace, 708 Lydig Avenue, Bronx, New York, on March 4, 1942; a free EARL BROWDER meeting at St. Philip's Church, 2606 Deane Street, Brooklyn, New York, on March 12, 1942; an open air Communist Party meeting at Union Square, New York City, on September 24, 1942, where subject was one of the speakers; and a Communist Party meeting held at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd Street, New York City, on October 28, 1942, at which subject was chairman.	15, 16

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FREDERICK WOLTMAN, Staff Writer, "New York World Telegram and Sun," 125 Broadway, New York City	This witness can testify that the subject was elected a member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association of New York State, at a Communist Political Association Convention held at Manhattan Center, New York City, on June 10 and 11, 1944.	17
NELSON FRANK, Staff Writer "New York World Telegram and Sun" 125 Broadway, New York City	This witness is currently a Staff Writer for the "New York World Telegram and Sun," a former reporter for the "Daily Worker," and a former member of the Communist Party in New York City in 1928 and 1929. This witness can testify that the subject was a member of the Resolutions Committee from the Kings County Communist Political Association at the New York State Communist Political Association Convention held at Manhattan Center, New York City, on June 10 and 11, 1944.	17
[redacted]	This witness is 50 years of age and native born. He was a paid informant of the New York Office from 1940 to 1947, while a member of the James Connolly Club of the Communist Party in Manhattan. In 1950 he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee then investigating Communism. During the period he served as an informant for the New York Office he was reliable, but subsequently has become mentally and emotionally unstable and unreliable. He is willing to testify, but would undoubtedly prove an unsatisfactory witness. This witness can testify that at a Lenin Memorial meeting sponsored by the New York State Committee of the Communist Political Association held at Madison Square Garden, 50th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, on January 15, 1945, subject was honored	17 b7D

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	by the presentation of a pen and pencil set for leading the Kings County Communist Political Association with the largest number of subscriptions during the drive for the "Worker."	
Confidential Informant T-14	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party, is reliable and has no criminal record. This witness can testify that the subject as Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA, attended a meeting of the American Federation of Labor Club of Summit County, Ohio, Communist Party, which was held on January 12, 1947, at the Akron, Ohio, Communist Party headquarters. The subject was the principal speaker.	18
Confidential Informant T-3	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. Additional information which this witness can testify to was set forth in Prosecutive Summary Report of Special Agent [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951. This witness can testify that the subject was present at a District No. 5, Communist Party, conference which was held on November 12, 1949, at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and approximately fifty individuals were present. At this conference, the plan of work for the immediate future for District No. 5, Communist Party, was decided upon.	18
Confidential Informant T-15	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party, is intelligent and alert, and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that on August 10, 1950, several Communist Party sections met together at District No. 7,	19

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page No.
	Communist Party Headquarters, 2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, to hear the subject report on the Korean War. Subject stated the Korean War was an unjust war and the Koreans were fighting for their independence.	
Confidential Informant T-16	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that on August 11, 1950, subject attended a meeting of the Communist Party West Side leaders at Magnolia Hall, Detroit, Michigan, where the subject was introduced by PHIL SCHATZ, Dearborn, Michigan, Section Organizer, as "one of our Party educational leaders," after which the subject outlined the Korean situation.	19
JOSEPH T. SULLIVAN [redacted]	This witness was formerly a delegate and Organizer for Local 3, American Federation of Labor, Bartenders Union, in New York City. He formerly served as a New York City Detective from 1922 to 1926, is a native of New York City, is married, and is the father of an eighteen year old son. He presently operates a bar and grill in New York City. (SULLIVAN, by his own admittance, served as a bartender in various speak-easies throughout the city of New York for several years subsequent to 1926). This witness can testify that in July, 1942, he knew the subject as the Secretary of the Hotel and Trade Union Local Number 16, and that he was an instructor in Communism in shop meetings. He can testify that he knew the subject as a Communist through his activities.	21

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VIII. APPENDIX - EXHIBITS

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26	Certified copy of the annual registration certificates filed by the subject with the Board of Elections in the City of New York between the years 1937 to 1947, inclusive. Original located at the Board of Elections, Borough of Brooklyn, New York City. To be introduced by THOMAS A. CRENNAN, Chief Clerk, Borough of Brooklyn of the Board of Elections in the City of New York.	2, 3, 4, 5
27	Certified photostatic copy of an article in the "Daily Worker" of August 3, 1945, Page 9, Column 1. Original located at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. To be introduced by the Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	8
28	Certified photostatic copy of an article in the March 9, 1947, issue of the "Worker," Page 12, Column 3. Original located at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. To be introduced by the Librarian or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	9

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29	Certified photostatic copy of an article in the June 7, 1930, issue of the "Daily Worker." (To be obtained) Original located at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. To be introduced by the Librarian, or his duly authorized representative, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.	11
30	Certified photostatic copy of an article in the August 3, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 9, Column 1. Original located at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. To be introduced by the Librarian, or his duly authorized representative, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.	11
31	Certified photostatic copy of an article in the March 25, 1943, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 2, Column 6. Original located at the Carnegie Free Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. To be introduced by the Librarian, or his duly authorized representative, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.	22
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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: Two photostatic copies of Exhibits No. 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.

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National Communist Party Auto Coordinator, during intervals when the latter individuals were out of the district.

Witness: Confidential informant T-11

Witness advised on June 8, 1951, that the subject was permanently assigned to the Communist Party headquarters at 2419 Grand Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Witness: Confidential informant T-10.

Witness advised on August 5, 1951, that ALBERTSON had given instructions that the Western Michigan Region Clubs of District No. 7 Communist Party were to continue to hold regular meetings each week from now on, and that the discussions at these meetings should center around the peace movement.

Witness: Confidential informant T-12.

III. REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SUBJECT SHOWING ADVOCACY OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE OR VIOLENCE

No further information developed.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES OR SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF OVER-ALL MARXIST-LENINIST PROGRAM OF COMMUNIST PARTY AIMED AT EVENTUAL OVER-THROW OF THE GOVERNMENT

B. Writings

The June 7, 1930, issue of the "Daily Worker" contains an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON entitled "Workers Defense Course." In this article ALBERTSON discusses the formation of a workers defense course as a mass party "auxiliary" of the functioning Communist factions therein. He describes the main function of such a workers defense course as defending the workers in their struggle against the forces of Capitalism on the picket lines and at demonstrations. He states that it is not a Red Front fighters' organization nor is it a labor sports union; but, rather, that the basis of

the organization must be in the mills, mines, shops and factories, and that it is based also on the new unions of the minorities in the American Federation of Labor workers and shop committes. He stated that wherever there is a shop nucleus of the Party or League, there must be built the workers defense course.

He concluded his article with the following:

> "The Party must be given immediately to follow up its agitator's work with real organizational work in the building of the workers defense course and to a broad mass working class organization."

Exhibit No. 29: Certified photostatic copy of an article by the subject in the June 7, 1930, issue of the "Daily Worker."

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The August 3, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 9, Column 1, carried an article under the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Vice-President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association, which stated, in substance, that every club executive secretary in Brooklyn would be personally and politically responsible for building the circulation of the "Daily" and "Sunday Worker." The article stated that the secretaries would be personally responsible in the sense that they would head the Press Committee in the Club and take responsibility for making these papers the major educational instrument of their members and the people in the community. They would be politically responsible in the sense that they would head the most important task of the Communist organization, the task of influencing thousands of community people for support to the Commander-in-Chief and his win-the-war and enduring peace policies. The article continued that this could be done the most effectively through the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" circulation.

Exhibit No. 30: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the August 3, 1944, issue of the "Daily Worker," Page 9, Column 1.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT- FORTY. DE THREE EIGHT ONE ON THIS DATE REPORTS HE LAST SAW SUBJECT IN DETROIT LATE AFTERNOON DEC. TWENTY-FOUR LAST, AT WHICH TIME SUBJ INDICATED HE CONTEMPLATED TRIP TO PITTSBURGH, PA. TO PICK UP MOTHER, ESTHER ALBERTSON, AND THEN CONTINUE TO NEW YORK CITY WHERE WIFE FRANCINE IS RESIDING, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SUBJ REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE WOULD RETURN TO DETROIY DEC. THIRTY NEXT, METHOD OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN. SPOT CHECK OF SUBJECTS RESIDENCE AND THAT OF ASSOCIATES AND INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES DISCLOSE SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE LATE DEC. TWENTYTHIRD. SUBJECTS MOTHER REPORTEDLY RESIDES FOUR EIGHT ONE ROBINSON CT., PITTSBURGH, PA. WIFES RELATIVES IN NYC ARE SALI SCHNEEBERG, MOTHER, EIGHT SEVEN TWO BEDFORD AVE., BROOKLYN, N.Y., JOE SCHNEEBERG, BROTHER, SIX EIGHT- THREE SEVEN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH ST., FOREST HILLS, LONG ISLAND, N.Y., AND CLARA SCHWARTZ, SISTER, ONE SEVEN SEVEN TWO E. FIFTEENTH ST., BROOKLYN, N.Y. PITTSBURGH AND NEW YORK ARE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBJ IN EITHER DIVISION. IF SUCCESSFUL

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IN LOCATING, SUTEL DETROIT, MAINTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS AND ADVISE OF DEPARTURE. PITTSBURGH FURTHER REQUESTED TO ADVISE DETROIT OF RESULTS OF MOST RECENT HEARING RE SUBJ HELD IN PITTSBURGH. FOR INFO NEW YORK, SUBJ DESCRIBED AS FORTYONE, FIVE FT. EIGHT IN., ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, MED. HEAVY BUILD, BLACK AND GRAY SHORT CUT HAIR, BROWN EYES, USUALLY WEARS HEAVY HORN- RIMMED GLASSES AND GOES BAREHEADED.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT, FORTY. RE DETROIT TEL, DEC. TWENTYSEVEN LAST. SUBJECT-S MOTHER UNKNOWN TO NEIGHBORS FOUR EIGHT ONE ROBINSON COURT, PITTSBURGH, AND APARTMENT MANAGER THIS ADDRESS HAS NO RECORD SUBJECT-SMOTHER RESIDING THERE. PITTSBURGH FILES INDICATE SUBJECT-S MOTHER LAST RESIDED THIS ADDRESS NINETEEN FORTHTHREE. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF SUBJECTA -S MOTHER, ONE ONE FOUR ONE PORTLAND ST., PITTSBURGH. NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY DISCLOSED SHE LEFT THERE JULY LAST. POSTAL AUTHORITIES STATE NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. TELEPHONE LISTED HER NAME DISCONNECTED JULY THREE LAST. THROUGH PRETEXT TELEPHONE CALL TO FORMER RESIDENCE OF SUBJECT- MOTHER IT WAS DETERMINED SHE REPORTEDLY WENT TO NEW YORK CITY APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO. SUBJECT IN PAST HAS STAYED AT HOME LOU BORTZ, SI SUBJECT, NINE NAUGHT EIGHT ADELAIDE ST., PITTSBURGH. NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY FAILED TO DEVELOP INFO ON SUBJECT AND APPROPRIATE COVERAGE EXTABLISHED. SECURITY INFORMANTS, ESPECIALLY [redacted] b2 b7D [redacted] AND [redacted] REPORTED NO INFO ON SUBJECT-S PRESENCE IN PITTSBURGH. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS - C, SMITH ACT, FORTY. REMYTEL DEC. TWENTY SEVEN LAST AND PITTSBURGH TEL DEC. TWENTY NINE LAST. ALBERTSON HAS RETURNED TO DETROIT AND WHEREABOUTS KNOWN.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT FORTY. SUBJECT HAS RESERVATIONS NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE HUNDRED TO NEW YORK, LEAVE DETROIT TWO FORTY FIVE P.M., JAN. EIGHTEEN, FIFTYTWO, ARRIVE IDLEWILD AIRPORT FIVE TWENTYFIVE P.M. SAME DATE. RETURN RESERVATIONS JAN. THIRTY, FIFTY-TWO. NY AWARE SUBJECT-S DESCRIPTION. BUREAU DESIROUS MAINTAINING KNOWLEDGE SUBJECT-S ACTIVITIES. NEW YORK, VERIFY ARRIVAL NYC AND DEPARTURE OF SUBJECT. DETROIT DEPARTURE WILL BE CONFIRMED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 1-11-52

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Rerep SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 12-14-51. b6 b7C

Transmitted herewith are corrected Pages 10 and 11 for referenced report. The corrected paragraphs on these pages are concerned with the "Daily Worker" article of 6-7-30, which carries an article by the subject entitled, "Workers' Defense Corps." The information appearing on Pages 10 and 11 of referenced report regarding the Workers Defense Corps was taken from the report of SA [redacted], New York, dated 11-19-47, and was set forth as the "Workers' Defense Course." However, upon receipt of photostatic copies of this "Daily Worker" article, it was noted that the article mentioned above was actually set forth in the "Daily Worker" as "Workers' Defense Corps" instead of "Workers' Defense Course."

Therefore, it is requested that the Bureau and offices receiving a copy of this communication substitute the attached corrected Pages 10 and 11 in referenced report, which is now in your possession. Corrected pages are also being incorporated into the same referenced report maintained in the Pittsburgh Office.

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

There is also being transmitted herewith to the Bureau Exhibit No. 29, which was utilized in referenced report.

EXHIBIT NO. 29:

Two photostatic copies of an article in the 6-7-30 issue of the "Daily Worker." (One certified photostatic copy of above mentioned article maintained in files of Pittsburgh Office)

The Bureau is now in possession of all exhibits utilized in referenced report.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT FORTY. RE DETROIT TEL TO DIRECTOR, SACS NEW YORK AND PITTSBURGH JANUARY SEVENTEENTH INSTANT. SUBJECT ARRIVED NY AS INDICATED IN RE TEL. MET BY WIFE AND DRIVEN IMMEDIATELY TO MOTHER-IN-LAWS HOME, TWENTY SEVEN BRIGHTON FOUR TERRACE, BROOKLYN, NY. SPOT CHECKS WILL BE MADE DURING SUBJECT-S STAY IN NY AND VERIFICATION MADE OF HIS DEPARTURE.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. SMITH ACT OF FORTY.

REMYTEL JAN. TWENTYFIFTH, SUBJECT ATTENDED RECEPTION AT YUGOSLAV AMERICAN HALL, FOUR NAUGHT FIVE WEST FORTY FIRST STREET, NYC, AS INDICATED IN REFERENCE TEL. RESIDES AT MOTHER-IN-LAW-S HOME TWO SEVEN BRIGHTON FOUR TERRACE, BKLYN. COVERAGE BEING MAINTAINED AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED OF SUBJ-S DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS C, SMITH ACT FORTY. RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO BUREAU JAN TWENTY FOUR LAST. SUBJECT BEING TENDERED RECEPTION EIGHT PM INSTANT AT YUGOSLAV AMERICAN HALL, FOUR NAUGHT FIVE W FOUR ONE ST, NYC, UNDER AUSPICES, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS COMMITTEE, ORGANIZED FOR HIS DEFENSE. APPROPRIATE COVERAGE WILL BE AFFORDED AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED.

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EARLY AFTERNOON THIS DATE ADVISED SUBJECT NOW IN PITTSBURGH AND PLANS TO RETURN TO DETROIT ON JAN. THIRTY OR THIRTY ONE, NEXT. ALBERTSON REPORTEDLY AWARE HE AND BONDSMAN MUST APPEAR IN PITTSBURGH ON JAN. TWENTY EIGHT, NEXT AS HE HAS ADVISED SAUL GROSSMAN OF DETROIT, TO BE IN PITTSBURGH ON THAT DATE. PITTSBURGH ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION SUBJECT WILL RETURN TO DETROIT SOONER THAN INDICATED ABOVE.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON , IS DASH C, SMITH ACT ONE NINE FORTY. SUBJECT DEPARTED DETROIT ELEVEN TEN PM THIS DATE PENN RR. ARRIVING PG SEVEN TWENTY AM TWO FOUR FIFTY TWO SUB IN LOWER THREE CAR ONE ZERO SIX ZERO. BARE HEADED, WEARING DARK GRAY OVERCOAT, GRAYISH BLUE TROUSERS, BROWN SHOES, CARRYING SMALL BROWN CANVAS OVERNIGHT BAG AND BROWN LEATHER BREIFCASE. SUTEL ARRIVAL, PITTSBURGH DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, ISC, SMITH ACT FORTY. SUBJECT LEAVING NY ABOARD FLIGHT NO. ONE, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, AT TEN AM INSTANT, ARRIVES DETROIT TWELVE FORTY PM.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT NINETEEN FORTY. RETEL FROM DETROIT FEB. THREE FIFTYTWO. SUBJ. DEPARTED PGH. ELEVEN TEN PM, FE B. FOUR, FIFTYTWO, PRR CAR ONE NAUGHT FIVE, LOWER TWO, ARRIVING DE SEVEN FORTY AM, FEB. FIVE NEXT. FOR INFO.

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WILLIAM (1) ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT FORTY. SUBJECT HAS PICKED UP TICKETS FOR ROUND TRIP TO NEW YORK FROM DETROIT ON FLIGHT FIVE HUNDRED, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, DEPARTING DETROIT TWO FORTYFIVE PM FEB. TEN NEXT, ARRIVING NEW YORK CITY IDLEWILD AIRPORT FIVE TWENTYFIVE PM SAME DATE. HE HOLDS RETURN TRIP TICKET ON FLIGHT ONE NORTHWEST AIR LINES DEPARTING NEW YORK IDLEWILD AIRPORT TEN AM FEB. TWELVE NEXT, TO ARRIVE DETROIT TWELVE FORTY PM SAME DATE. DETROIT WILL CONFIRM DEPARTURE.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C. SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY. REMYTEL FEB. EIGHT LAST. SUBJECT DEPARTED DETROIT TWO FORTYFIVE PM THIS DATEON FLIGHT FIVE HUNDRED NORTHWEST AIRLINES. ARRIVE NEW YORK FIVE FIVE PM. HE IS WEARING DARK BROWN COAT, NOHAT, YELLOW SCARF, GRAY SUIT, BLACK OVERSHOES AND CARRYING SMALL BROWN CANVAS BAG. NY WILL MAINTAIN SPOT CHECKS AND SUTEL DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, ISC, SMITH ACT FORTY. RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU, PITTSBURGH AND NY FEB TENTH LAST. SUBJ ARRIVED NY FEB TENTH, LAST, AS INDICATED IN RETEL. LEAVING NY ABOARD FLIGHT NO. ONE, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, TEN AM THIS DATE. WILL ARRIVE DETROIT TWELVE FORTY PM INST.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT, NINETEEN FORTY. RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NY, AND PITTSBURGH, JAN. TWENTY FIVE, FIFTY TWO. SUBJECT ATTENDED FUND RAISING RECEPTION SPONSORED BY HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION JAN. TWENTY NINE, FIFTY TWO, AT SPANISH AMERICAN HALL, THREE TWO SIX WEST FORTY EIGHTH STREET, NYC. RE TEL REFLECTS SUBJECT PLANNED RETURN TO DETROIT JAN. THIRTY ONE, FIFTY TWO. ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO VERIFY SUBJECT-S DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SMITH ACT, 1940

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit. He has been reported to be Executive Secretary of District No. 7, CP, USA, has made almost daily appearances at headquarters of this organization, has received funds from checking account maintained by District No. 7, CP, USA State Committee, and has continued to attend and participate in functions and affairs in connection with administration and development of District No. 7, CP, USA activities. Subject is attempting to obtain severance of his case from that of other defendants and change of venue to Detroit. New Indictment returned against Subject on 1/18/52 at Pittsburgh, Pa. New bench warrant served on Subject and indictment formerly outstanding dismissed on 2/4/52.

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DETAILS:

All informants in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise designated.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

According to Confidential Informant Detroit T-1, the Subject continues to reside at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan as of February 7, 1952.

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Confidential Informants Detroit T-2, T-3, and T-4 stated that since his indictment, the Subject has made almost daily appearances at headquarters of the District No. 7, Communist Party (CP), USA, and those of the Michigan Civil Rights Congress (CRC), located at 2419 Grand River, Detroit and 1442 Griswold, Detroit, respectively.

It should be noted that the CP, USA and the CRC, the latter of which, according to Confidential Informant Detroit T-5, the Michigan CRC is an affiliate, have been cited by the Attorney General as organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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These records are not available except by the issuance of a subpoena "duces tecum".

NATIONALISTIC SYMPATHIES, TENDENCIES AND ACTIVITIES

Informant T-5 stated the Subject attended funeral services for J. W. SMITH, former chairman of the Downtown Tenants Council, at Diggs Funeral Home, 693 Mack Avenue, on June 7, 1951. Confidential Informant Detroit T-17 stated on February 12, 1951 that the Detroit Downtown Tenants Council is a Communist dominated organization, the purpose of which is to spread Communist propaganda throughout the Negro communities in Detroit.

Informant T-5, and Confidential Informant Detroit T-8, stated the Subject attended a dinner on June 9, 1951 at the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs, Hancock and Second Boulevard, Detroit, sponsored by the Michigan Council for Peace. According to Confidential Informant Detroit T-18, the Michigan Council for Peace stems from the Communist initiated National Peace Crusade to Washington, D. C., held March 15 and 16, 1951 and is now affiliated with the Communist front American Peace Crusade, which has

it's headquarters at, 1186 Broadway, New York City. Confidential Informant Detroit T-19, stated that an official of the Detroit Federation of Women's Clubs had cancelled a subsequent meeting of the Michigan Council for Peace at the Federation's clubrooms, because of the controversial nature of the Michigan Council for Peace group.

On October 26, 1951, Confidential Informant Detroit T-10, stated that the Subject had requested a cashiers check in the amount of $30.90, payable to CARL REINSTEIN, who has been identified as CP, USA treasurer. According to the Informant this check number was 55122.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-11, stated that on November 14, 1951 the Subject sent a telegram to CP headquarters, 29 West 125th Street, New York City, requesting that Christmas seals be in his hands shortly.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-12 stated that the Subject attended a bazaar at the Jewish Cultural Center in Detroit on November 16, 17, and 18, 1951, which was sponsored by Freedom of the Press Clubs, which according to the Informant, were created by the CP to advance the cause and circulation of the "Michigan Edition-The Worker", described by Confidential Informant Detroit T-6, as an East Coast Communist publication.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-9, stated the Subject was in attendance at a New Year's Eve Party on December 31, 1951 at Schiller Hall in Detroit, which was sponsored by Freedom of the Press Clubs.

ACTIVITIES IN DEFENSE OF ALBERTSON AND OTHER SMITH ACT SUBJECTS

The September 23, 1951 issue of the "Michigan Edition-The Worker" carried an article entitled "Albertson Thanks Contributors", in which the Subject, described as Executive Secretary of the CP of Michigan, expressed his thanks to those individuals who loaned funds to the Michigan Civil Rights Bail Fund so that he could be released from prison. He then urged support of the Michigan CRC campaign to obtain additional funds of $35.00 to augment and replenish the Michigan Civil Rights Bail Fund, established to guarantee the release of additional victims of the Smith and McCarran Acts, and of any other anti-democratic charges.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-13, stated the Subject attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the Michigan CRC held September 24, 1951 at 1442 Griswold, the purpose of which meeting was to discuss and plan the proposed activities of the CRC during the "Ten Week Campaign". The name of this ten week period of enthusiastic work was stated to be "The Smith Act Campaign". On phase of this campaign was the formation of a "Special Committee" around the fight of WILLIAM ALBERTSON. ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting urging support of the "The Smith Act Campaign".

Confidential Informant Detroit T-14, stated the Subject planned to visit Chicago, Illinois, on October 27, 1951 to raise $6,000.00 as bail for JAMES DOLSEN, District 5, CP functionary indicted for a Smith Act violation.

Confidential Informant Detroit T-15, stated on October 27, 1951 that the Subject had visited the residence of CARL HIRSCH at 843 West Dakin, Chicago, Illinois on that date. HIRSCH was described by Informant Detroit T-15 as Editor of the "Illinois Worker", which is the supplement of the "Worker" in the Chicago area.

Mrs. William Albertson ~~Albertson~~ ~~Albertson~~ On the same date Confidential Informant Detroit T-16 stated that the Subject and his wife, FRANCENE, and his son ERIC visited in the home of BEN GREEN [redacted] GREEN was described by the Informant as a brother of GILBERT GREEN, Smith Act fugitive. b6 b7C

On November 13, 1951 Informant T-3 stated that the Subject attended a Michigan CRC meeting at which time he suggested that a petition be drawn up for him to present to the United States District Court of Pittsburgh calling for recognition of the fifth and sixth ammendments and requesting that his case be transferred to Detroit. He indicated he could introduce this petition to the court with a written motion. He suggested that space for six or eight names be left on the petition indicating he would attempt to get sufficient signatures. A discussion was also held at this meeting relative to the formation of a defense committee sponsored by the Michigan CRC, the purpose of which is to raise money to fight the Smith Act and to help in the legal defense of the "victims". ALBERTSON suggested that a representative group such as, ten labor leaders, ten lawyers, ten ministers, and ten general people be contacted with

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a view to setting up this defense committee.

On November 21, 1951, the New York Division advised that the Subject was present as a spectator in Federal Court, Foley Square, New York City on that date during the contempt trial of GUS HALL, convicted Smith Act violator.

MISCELLANEOUS

On October 17, 1951, the Pittsburgh Division advised that the October 7, 1951 issue of the "Pittsburgh Press", a daily newspaper, carried an article entitled "Albertson Put in Red Doghouse". This article reportedly set forth that a Communist publication, "The Michigan Worker", believed dated October 7, 1951, accused ALBERTSON of being anti-Negro and acting like a bureaucrat. The reprimand reportedly hinted that possible disciplinary action be taken by the Party.

The October 7, 1951 issue of the "Michigan Edition-The Worker", carried an article entitled "Communist Committee Criticizes Own White Chauvinist Mistake In Letter On FEPC." This article criticized a July 20, 1951 open letter on FEPC to the Detroit Council of Churches sent by the Executive Board of the Michigan CP, and signed by NATHAN (Kaplan) STANLEY, who, according to Informant T-6, is District No. 7, CP, USA Auto Coordinator. This letter, according to the article, was a manifestation of white chauvinism and serious distortions of the Party line on the Negro question. The article declared that the proposals in the letter ignored the desire of the Michigan section of the Negro people on FEPC and failed to recognize the national character of the Negro liberation movement, thus constituting an expression of white chauvinism. There was no specific reference in the article to the Subject.

PROSECUTIVE STATUS:

On October 3, 1951 the Subject appeared at a removal hearing before United States District Judge THEODORE LEVIN in Detroit and was ordered removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a hearing on October 5, 1951. The Subject left the same date for Pittsburgh. Bond of $20,000.00 was continued returned to Pittsburgh.

By teletype dated October 5, 1951 the Pittsburgh Division advised the Subject had appeared that date in United

States District Court in Pittsburgh for arraignment. Pittsburgh further advised that a motion for continuance of the hearing was granted and arraignment was set for November 5, 1951.

By teletype to the Director dated November 5, 1951 the Pittsburgh Division disclosed that the Subject appeared in United States District Court in Pittsburgh on November 5, 1951 for arraignment. At this time the Subject, not represented by an attorney, reportedly advised the judge that he could not enter a plea until counsel was obtained and that he desired more time to secure the service of an attorney through his own efforts. He refused to enter a plea when called upon. Thereupon the presiding judge entered a plea of not guilty on the Subject's behalf. The Subject at this time indicated that he would be defended by Detroit Attorney GEORGE W. CROCKETT if his case could be tried in Detroit. He requested severance of his case which was denied. A thirty day continuance was granted the Subject.

By teletype dated January 11, 1952 Pittsburgh advised that the facts of Subject's case and that of other Smith Act defendants in Pittsburgh would be again presented to a Federal Grand Jury on January 16, 1952 at Pittsburgh in efforts to obtain a new indictment.

By teletype dated January 18, 1952 Pittsburgh advised that a new indictment was returned against the Subject on that date. Federal Judge WILLIAM ALVAH STEWART of United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, reportedly indicated he would sign a bench warrant against the Subject on January 19, 1952.

On February 4, 1952 Pittsburgh advised that the Subject appeared in the United Stated District Court at Pittsburgh on that date at which time a new bench warrant was served on him and a transfer of his $20,000.00 bond to cover the new indictment was effected. ALBERTSON'S attempt to file a motion on reduction of bond was not accepted by the presiding judge. No arraignment date was set for the Subject.

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

Will follow and report prosecutive action.

THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will follow and report on activities of the Subject. b2 b6 b7C b7D

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Symbol	Identity	Date Received	Received By
T-1	FISUR	2/7/52	SA [redacted]
T-2	[redacted]		
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T-5		6/21/51	SA JOSEPH HYBLE
T-6			
T-7		10/5;11/5/51	SA [redacted]
T-8		6/21/51	SA JOSEPH HYBLE
T-9		1/3/52	SA [redacted]
T-10	[redacted] Collingwood and Hamilton, Detroit, Mich.	10/26/51	SA
T-11	[redacted]		SA [redacted]
T-12		11/20/51	SA
T-13		9/27/51	SA
T-14		10/26/51	Pitts. teletype to Director, 10/ 26/51.
T-15	FISUR by Agents of Chicago Div.	10/27/51	Chicago letter to Detroit, 11/2/51.
T-16	[redacted]	10/27/51	SA [redacted]
T-17		2/12/51	SA JOSEPH HYBLE

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T-18 T-19	[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Detroit PD	11/15/51	SA [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted], September 26, 1951 at Detroit, Michigan.

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SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749) March 19, 1952

Director, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

William Albertson - SUMMARY

A review of the subversive references to the subject's name and aliases, excluding those contained in his main file and excluding those which are recorded as appearing in the files of your office, has been made at the Bureau. This review has been conducted to determine whether the Bureau is in possession of any valuable evidence which is not available to your office and which might be of material assistance to the successful prosecution of Albertson under the Smith Act.

The attached data reflects pertinent information developed in this review which might be of material assistance in your case. If the material provided herewith has not been previously considered, you should immediately evaluate it, consider the original source, and determine whether it might be evidence of a material fact. If so, such information should be completely developed and set forth in a supplemental summary report. Copies of this report should be made available immediately to the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh. This material is being furnished you for whatever assistance it may afford the successful prosecution of the subject.

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The 1937 Year Book of the Young Communist League, on page 28, carries a brief sketch on the life of Bill Albertson.

He is presently Secretary-Treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, Local 6. He is a newcomer to the Y.C.L., joining in 1928.

He was born in Pittsburgh in 1910. He has been a soda jerker, waiter, newsboy, grocery clerk and packer. At the age of 18 he organized his first strike in the Hermes Ice Cream plant. In that year he was ousted from Pittsburgh University because he made a speech concerning the "frame-up of Tom Mooney".

His interest in sports took him to the Western Pennsylvania Labor Sports Union, of which he later became secretary. He became National Secretary of the Union and editor of "Workers' Sports". He served a period as Y.C.L. District Organizer in Pittsburgh and the anthracite region.

In 1932 he became member of the Food Workers' Industrial Union, editor of the "Food Worker" and head of the New York Trade Union City Council. With the development of a unified trade union movement he became an organizer, first for the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 119, then for the Grocery, Dairy and Fruit Clerks Union.

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Louis Budenz advised that an Eastern Seaboard National Press Conference of the CPA was held on November 19, 1944, at the Fraternal Club, 110 W. 48th Street, New York City. Budenz was Chairman of this conference and speakers included John Williamson, National Trade Union Secretary; Earl Browder, National President; Jack Kling, National Financial Secretary; William Z. Foster, National Vice President; William Schneiderman; Benjamin J. Davis, Jr.; William Albertson; James Dolsen; Israel Amter; Gilbert Green and Walter Lowenfels. Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished the same information. b2 b7D

Report of SA [redacted] b6 b7C
dated September 16, 1951, at
Philadelphia, entitled "Walter
Lowenfels, IS-C, Smith Act - 1940."
Philadelphia file 65-1456
Bufile 100-1110-82, p. 15.

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On December 8, 1949, Confidential Informant [redacted] b2 b7D advised that Sidney Stein, Assistant Labor Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, had discussed with William Albertson, Organizational Secretary, District 5 of the Communist Party, and Dave Grant, Section Organizer in the East Pittsburgh (Electrical) Section of the Communist Party, the Communist Party position in the current dispute between the UE and the IUE. During the discussion, the informant stated that Stein had remarked that anyone is welcome in the UE who is willing to fight the company and that the main struggle, at the present time, is to convince the right wing element to return to the UE. Stein expressed the opinion that the left wing element should allow IUE officials to return to their former offices in the UE and serve until the next union election. Stein also expressed the opinion that if the Communists did not win the election, the struggle would have to be to gain control of as many shops as possible in the UE and, at the same time, to work for a "comeback" at some future union election.

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Report of SA William S. Tavel
dated February 4, 1950, at New York
entitled "United Electrical Radio
and Machine Workers of America,
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New York file 100-13644
Bufile 100-26912-1560, p. 101

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"Daily Worker," May 8, 1946, p. 15, col. 1, contained a photograph of George Blake, Jim Tormey, Carl Vedro, Bill Albertson and Israel Amter, listing them as Communist Party leaders.

Report of SA [redacted]
New York, December 29, 1949,
entitled "Israel Amter, IS-C."
Bufile 100-19685-71, p. 32
New York file 100-15705.

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"Daily Worker," October 9, 1942, reflected that a Trade Union Committee for the election of Israel Amter had been set up at 11 West 42nd Street, New York City. The Chairman was Ben Gold, President of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union of the United States and Canada, CIO. The Secretary was William Albertson, General Organizer, Waiters, Waitresses and Bartenders Union, Local 16, A. F. of L. The article listed Amter's alleged endorsers.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on January 10, 1950, that a Communist Party meeting was held on January 7, 1950, at East Liverpool, Ohio, at which Gus Hall, Organizational Secretary, District #5, Communist Party, and William Albertson, Secretary of the Communist Party Coal Commission were the main speakers. Albertson stated that the Communists were on the march and would not be stopped. Hall commented on the great gains of the Communist Party in China and said that India was also ripe for picking and that Communists would also take over Formosa. Irving Weissman, Chairman of the Communist Party of West Virginia was also present.

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Report of SA [redacted]
dated May 19, 1950, at Cleveland,
entitled "Gus Hall, was., IS-C."
Cleveland file 100-421
Bufile 61-8077-146, p. 4.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on August 21, 1947, a Communist Party National Auto Conference was held at the Hotel Carter, Cleveland, Ohio. Among those present were William Z. Foster, William Albertson and Arnold Samuel Johnson. At this meeting Communist Party policy with reference to proceedings to be followed at the National Convention of the UAW-CIO was discussed.

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Report of SA [redacted]
dated July 26, 1949, at Cleveland,
entitled [redacted] was.,
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Cleveland file 100-16357
Bufile 100-20503-30, p. 16.

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On August 8, 1945, Confidential Informant [redacted] b2 b7D advised that a meeting was held of all delegates to the New York State Communist Party Convention. At this meeting William Albertson was nominated as a member of the State Committee.

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New York letter to Bureau dated September 7, 1945, entitled "CP, District #2, New York F.D. - IS-C."
New York file 100-26603
Bufile 100-3-4-4792.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on July 8, 1947, a meeting of the City Committee of the Communist Party was held at 1702 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Betty Gannett and William Albertson, National Communist Party functionaries were present, as was Phil Frankfeld, Chairman of District #4, Communist Party and Bill Taylor, Chairman of the Washington, D.C. Communist Party. Albertson spoke at length on the Taft-Hartley Bill, pointing out that it will kill the earning power of the worker; that it aimed at the destruction of organized labor and will also make the NLRB a tool of the bosses.

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Report of SA [redacted]
dated October 5, 1948, at
Washington, D.C., entitled
[redacted], SM-C."
WFO file 100-18917
Bufile 100-355818-4, p. 3.

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On March 3, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] b2 b7D advised that a meeting of the National Railroad Committee of the Communist Party was held on March 2, 1947, at the Slovak Hall, 2147 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago. The meeting was presided over by Otto Wangerin and Joe Cardette was appointed Chairman. Wangerin introduced William Albertson as a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, and Albertson gave a brief talk concerning the wishes of the Executive Board of the Communist Party. Albertson stated that the Executive Board had its eyes on the railroad conference and considered it very important.

Report of SA [redacted] b6 b7C
dated September 2, 1949, at
Chicago, entitled "August Carl
Austin, [illegible]"
Chicago file 100-19747
Bufile 100-364208-1, p. 5.

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On July 13, 1947, according to former Confidential Informant, [redacted] a meeting of the District #5 Committee of the Communist Party was held at the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh. John Williamson, Labor Secretary, Communist Party, USA, and Betty Gannett were among those present as was Willian Albertson, Assistant Labor Secretary, Communist Party, USA. Betty Gannett spoke on "Fascism and Democracy," and during her remarks stated that Capitalism will threaten the workers' chances as long as it exists.

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Report of SA Chester A. Reilly,
dated August 2, 1951, at New York,
entitled "Betty Gannett, was.,
IS-C, Smith Act of 1940."
New York file 100-13483
Bufile 100-8029-206, p. 30.

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On January 26, 1951, Rosario Robert Pagnotta, advised Special Agents of the New York office that he had been a member of the Micrometer Club of the Communist Party in New York and had been sent by the Kings County Communist Party to a two weeks school held at the corner of 17th Street and 3rd Avenue, New York City, prior to April 1948. This school was sponsored by the Communist Party and was taught by instructors sent directly from the National Party Headquarters. Pagnotta advised that the school consisted of courses in Marxism and Leninism and that approximately 20 persons attended who were picked from various locals of the U.E. Pagnotta identified one of those in attendance as Bill Albertson, an Executive Board member of the Hotel and Restaurant Union.

New York letter to Bureau dated February 12, 1951, entitled "Rosario Robert Pagnotta, was., SM-C." New York file 100-64076 Bufile 100-336292-15.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] reported on April 20, 1947, that a National AFL Teamsters Conference was held that date in Parlor C, Allerton Hotel, Cleveland. The meeting was called by William Albertson, Assistant Labor Secretary, Communist Party, USA, and the primary discussion concerned plans for the forthcoming AFL Teamsters Convention in San Francisco. Arnold Samuel Johnson, Legislative Director, Communist Party, USA, spoke to the afternoon session of the conference.

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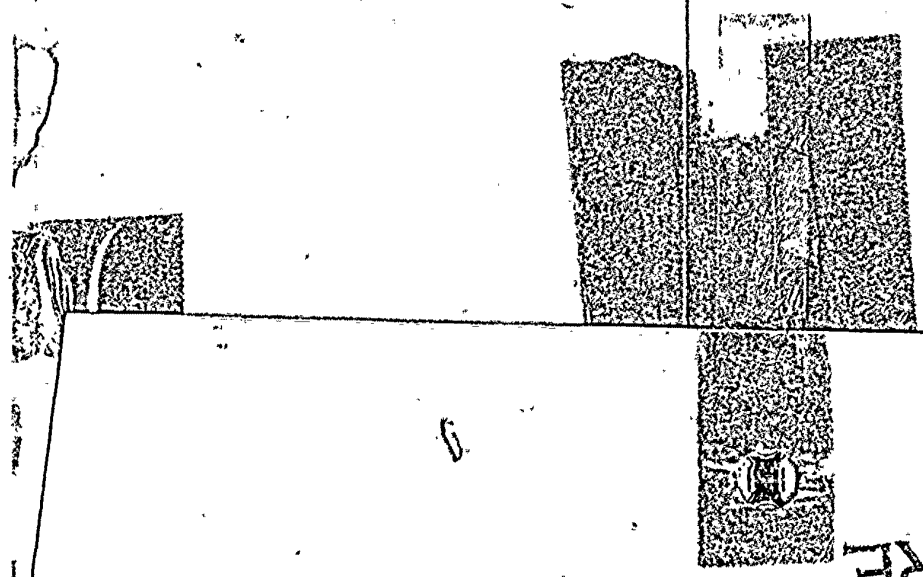
Report of SA [redacted]
dated March 30, 1949, at Cleveland,
entitled "Albert Young, was.,
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Cleveland file 100-9751
Bufile 100-247848-13, p. 4.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: 7/28/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-5604)

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
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____ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

__X__ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WAS., IS - C. SUBJECT DEPARTED FIVE THIRTY P.M., MAY TWENTY FOUR, FIFTY TWO ON PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, DUE TO ARRIVE PITTSBURGH ELEVEN FIFTY NINE P.M., MAY TWENTY FOUR. SUBJCECT SCHEDULED FOR COURT APPEARANCE MAY TWENTY SEVEN, FIFTY TWO, PITTSBURGH. PITTSBURGH PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED.

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DIRECTOR, SAC PITTSBURGH AND NEW YORK URGENT

WILLIAM (1) ALBERTSON, IS - C. SUBJECT DEPARTED DETROIT TWO P.M. THIS DATE AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT SEVEN TWO SIX, TO ARRIVE IDLEWILD AIRPORT FIVE TWENTY SEVEN P.M. THIS DATE. HAS RETURN RESERVATION FORFLIGHT LEAVING IDLEWILD SIX THIRTY A.M. JUNE NINE NEXT AND TENTATIVE RESERVATION ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT LEAVING LA GUARDIA AIRPORT SEVEN P.M. JUNE EIGHT. IS HOPEFUL SPACE AVAILABLE FOR JUNE EIGHT FLIGHT. SUBJECT WEARING LIGHT TAN SUIT, EITHER PALM BEACH OR GABARDINE, NEW BROWN SHOES, MAROON TIE WITH SMALL DESIGN, NO HAT, WEARING TINTED GLASSES. SUBJECT PRESENTLY AWAITING TRIAL, PITTSBURGH. NEW YORK FOLLOW CURRENT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RE WHEREABOUTS WHILE IN NYC. U

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON u	INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940 u

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, and is employed as Executive Secretary of District #7, CPUSA. As such, Subject has made almost daily appearances at headquarters of this organization and the Mich. CRC and has led attacks against the HCUA which occurred in Detroit early in 1952, and against State of Michigan legislation directed against the CP. Subject presently awaiting arraignment on new verdict returned in USDC, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 1/18/52. u

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DETAILS:

All Informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated. u

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

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Confidential Informant Detroit T-1 stated on May 5, 1952, that the Subject continues to reside at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan.

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(U) According to Confidential Informant Detroit [T-2], the Subject as of May 5, 1952, was Executive Secretary of the District #7, Communist Party, USA. Confidential Informant (U) Detroit [T-3] stated on November 16, 1951, that the Subject was being paid $55.00 weekly wages by District #7, CPUSA.

(U) Confidential Informants Detroit [T-4, T-5, and (U) [T-6] stated that since the Subject's indictment, with exception of infrequent periods of several days duration when ALBERTSON was out of town, he has made almost daily appearances at the headquarters of the CP of Michigan and the Michigan Civil Rights Congress, both located in Detroit.

It should be noted that both the CPUSA and the CRC, of which the Michigan CRC is affiliated, have been cited by the Attorney General as organizations coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. U

NATIONALISTIC SYMPATHIES, TENDENCIES, AND ACTIVITIES

(U) Informant Detroit [T-2] stated on November 19, 1951, that the Subject attended a festival and dance sponsored by the Committee of Freedom of the Press of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker", an east coast Communist publication, held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan, on November 17, 1951.

(U) [On November 30, 1951,] Confidential Informant (U) [T-7] stated that the Subject, who is referred to jokingly as "The Commissar" was at that time directing the underground transmittal of messages through the CRC of Michigan.

The December 16, 1951, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" carried an article entitled, "Communist Tells TRUMAN to Stop 'Genocidal' Acts", which disclosed that the Subject on December 7, 1951, had written a letter to President TRUMAN calling upon him to order the Justice Department to find the perpetrators of the bombings of Negro and Jewish homes only a few miles from where TRUMAN spent his vacation in Florida. U

The December 31, 1951, and January 2, 1952, issues of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist publication, carried articles by the Subject entitled, "Why Bait of 'Defense' Jobs Fades for Auto Workers" and "Auto Unemployment and UAW Parley, January 13 and 14." In these articles the Subject criticized the Administration's "war economy" as "intensifying the basic causes that create unemployment under Capitalism", and called for a program of peace. U

(U) Confidential Informant Detroit T-8 C stated on February 11, 1952, that the Subject was a speaker at, "a mass meeting and protest rally" featuring WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the CRC. This meeting was held February 3, 1952, at the Madison Ballroom, Woodward and Forest Avenues, Detroit, Michigan.

(U) Confidential Informant Detroit T-9 C stated on (U) February 23, 1952 C that the Subject spoke at a CRC meeting held February 23, 1952, at 1442 Griswold, Detroit. C The Informant stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss details for participation of the Downriver Section of the CP in the current campaign against the House UnAmerican Activities Committee which was scheduled to appear in Detroit. According to the Informant, ALBERTSON stated that this meeting was considered necessary in order to "guarantee the fullest participation of the Party's apparatus in every section of the city in this campaign. The success or failure of this fight revolves around the work as every organization must engaged in now if we are going to win."

On February 27, 1952, there appeared on page #19 of the Detroit "Free Press", a Detroit daily newspaper, a one-half page ad signed by the State Committee, CP of Michigan, 2419 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. This ad stated in part, "We Plead Guilty" . . . . . "to the fact that we are numbered amongst those thousands in this State who are striving for a world at peace, who know that war is not inevitable," etc. The ad classified the HCUA hearings, then in progress in Detroit, Michigan, as a "witch-hunt." U

(U) Confidential Informant Detroit T-10 C stated that the ad, costing $1,240.00, was presented for publication by the Subject and was paid with $1,130.00 in cash and a $110.00 check. The check was drawn on the account of the Communist Party of USA, 29 West 125th Street, New York, in the Manufacturers Trust Company, 67 West 125th Street, New York, dated

February 18, 1952, payable to the order of WILLIAM ALBERTSON (Trade Union Secretary, Michigan CP) and signed by what appears to be the abbreviated name of CARL REINSTEIN (National Treasurer, CPUSA). WILLIAM ALBERTSON endorsed the check. u

An article entitled, "Communist Party Secretary Dares UnAmericans to Debate" appeared in the March 9, 1952, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker." This article disclosed that the Subject had wired JOHN WOOD, Chairman of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, challenging WOOD to a debate on the subject, "Does the Communist Party of Michigan Fight in the Interest of the Working Man and Woman, the Negro People and all the Oppressed?" u

(U) Confidential Informant Detroit T-11 stated on March 10, 1952, that the Subject had made arrangements for a one-quarter page ad in the "Detroit News", a Detroit daily newspaper, in the name of the CP at a cost of $554.40, which ALBERTSON intended to pay in cash. u

The March 23, 1952, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" carried an article entitled, "ALBERTSON Writes WILLIAMS", disclosing that Governor G. MENNEN WILLIAMS of the State of Michigan had been warned in a letter by the Subject that "red baiting 'doesn't' pay." According to the article, the Subject advised the Governor to "speak out against the TRUCKS Bill", a Bill enacted by the Michigan Legislature against the CP and its members in Michigan. u

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On April 9, 1952, Detective [redacted] of the Security Squad, Special Investigations Division, Michigan State Police Headquarters, East Lansing, Michigan, advised SA [redacted], that the Subject, representing the CP of Michigan and accompanied by HELEN SIMON TRAVIS, ARTHUR McPHAUL, and SOL GROSSMAN, were granted an interview with Governor G. MENNEN WILLIAMS of the State of Michigan at Lansing, Michigan, on April 9, 1952. At this time the Subject and his associates voiced opposition to the provisions of the TRUCKS Bill described above. It should be noted that

(U) the Informant Detroit T-2 has described HELEN TRAVIS as a representative for the "Michigan Edition - The Worker", ARTHUR McPHAUL as the Executive Secretary of the CRC and SOL GROSSMAN as the Executive Secretary of the Michigan Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

(U) On April 22, 1951, Confidential Informant Detroit T-12 stated that the Subject and the CP of the State of Michigan had that date filed a bill before Federal Judge ARTHUR F. LEDERLE in United States District Court in Detroit. This bill, naming as defendants officers of the State of Michigan and all law enforcement officers of the State of Michigan, requested an injunction against the defendants prohibiting them from taking any action against the complainants in connection with the TRUCKS Bill pending a hearing and a final determination of the constitutionality of this bill.

On April 23, 1952, records of the United States District Court at Detroit, Michigan, disclosed that Judge ARTHUR F. LEDERLE in the United States District Court, Detroit, had that date issued a temporary restraining order against the above-indicated defendants in preventing them from taking any action under Sections #4, #5, and #7 of Michigan House Bill #20 (TRUCKS Act) until May 20, 1952, at which time the defendants were ordered to appear in United States District Court in Detroit to show cause why a permanent injunction should not be issued. U

ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM ALBERTSON

(U) On December 10, 1951, Confidential Informant Detroit T-13 stated that ALBERTSON had been in contact with several attorneys in the Detroit area requesting that they send letters to the Federal District Court at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in support of his motion of a change of venue to Detroit, Michigan.

(U) On December 17, 1951, Informant Detroit T-2 stated that the CRC had issued a four-page bulletin dated December, 1951, as a special Christmas edition, which related among other things that the Subject was seeking severance of his case from those of the other defendants in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a change of venue to Detroit, Michigan.

(U) Confidential Informant Detroit T-14 stated that a committee titled Michigan Labor Committee to Defend WILLIAM ALBERTSON with headquarters at 1442 Griswold,

Detroit, (CRC Headquarters) had issued a card to which were attached ten coupons each for $1.00 to solicit funds for the defense of ALBERTSON. The Informant added that the hotel and restaurant workers' Committee for the Defense of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 799 Broadway, New York City, had issued a throw-away announcing a rally on Tuesday, January 29, 1952, in the Spanish - American Hall, 326 West Forty-eighth Street, New York City, featuring the Subject as principal speaker. u

(U) Confidential Informant Detroit T-15 stated on January 31, 1951, that the Subject was the signer of a form letter requesting funds for his defense. He added that in this letter the Subject attempted to justify his appeal for a change of venue in this case.

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(U) On November 29, 1951, Informant T-13 stated ALBERTSON had declared he was in poor health and that the only solution would be for him to undergo an operation.

(U) On February 1, 1952, Confidential Informant Detroit T-16 stated that the checking account maintained in Detroit by the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" disclosed that check #1711 dated January 17, 1952, and payable to cash in the amount of $285.00 had been endorsed by the Subject as the first endorser. The information furnished by this Informant is not to be made public except in the usual procedure following issuance of a subpoena.

PROSECUTIVE STATUS

On January 18, 1952, a new indictment was returned against the Subject by Federal Grand Jury in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On February 4, 1952, a Bench Warrant under this indictment was served on the Subject at that time in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the transfer of his bond of $20,000.00 was effected. u

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The Subject was arraigned under a new indictment at 10:00 a.m., April 27, 1952, in United States District Court at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. u

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LEADS

THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION (U)

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: (U)

Will follow and report prosecutive action in this case. (U)

THE DETROIT DIVISION (U)

At Detroit, Michigan: (U)

Will follow and report on activities of the Subject. (U)

INFORMANTS

SYMBOL	INFORMANT	DATE RECEIVED	RECEIVED BY (U)
(U) T-1	(U) [redacted]	5/5/52	SA [redacted]
T-2	[redacted]	(U) 5/5/52	SA [redacted]
T-3		(U) 11/16,19/51	SA [redacted] (U)
(U) T-4			
(U) T-5			
(U) T-6			
(U) T-7		11/30/51	SA JOSEPH HYBLE (U)

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T-8	[redacted]	(U) 2/11/52	SA [redacted] u
T-9		(U) 2/23/52	SA [redacted] u
(U) T-10	[redacted]		SA [redacted] u
	Detroit "Free Press"		
(U)	Detroit, Michigan		
(U) T-11	[redacted]		
(U) T-12			
(U) T-13			
(U) T-14			(U) SA [redacted] u
(U) T-15	[redacted]	1/31/51	SA [redacted] u
	Union City, Michigan		
(U) T-16	[redacted]	2/1/52	SA [redacted] u
	Commercial Bookkeeping Department, National Bank of Detroit		(U)
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated February 29, 1952, at Detroit, Michigan. u

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY, IS ~~CXXDASH~~ DASH C. RE DETROIT TEL TO PITTSBURGH AND CLEVELAND EIGHT ONE INSTANT. UACB NO SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT COMTEMPLATED PITTSBURGH RE APPEARANCE IN COURT EIGH FOUR NEXT ON PENDING MOTION ~~SNXX SOXX~~ SINCE SUBJECT-S APPEARANCE NOT REQUIRED BY COURT.

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Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Gleason
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS, CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH U R G E N T

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY, IS DASH C. RE PITTSBURGH TEL AUG. ONE INSTANT. FISUR BEING DISCONTINUED UACB. WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJ. WILL BE DETERMINED THROUGH SOURCES, INFORMANTS, AND SPOT CHECKS.

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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy
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FBI CLEVELAND 8-19-52 7-53 PM EDST

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URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS - S, SMITH ACT OF FORTY, REPGTEL AUG. NINETEEN, INST. SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJ TURNED OVER TO DE AGENTS BY CV AGENTS FIVE MILES NORTH OF FLAT ROCK, MICH, SIX THIRTY PM EDST, THIS DATE. NO PERTINENT CONTACTS (U)

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DIRECTOR, AND SACS, CLEVELAND AND DETROIT URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF FORTY, RE DETROIT TEL AUGUST SIXTH REQUESTING ADVICE RE SUBJECT-S WHEREABOUTS AND ITINERARY SINCE ALBERTSON INDICATED HE WOULD LEAVE FOR VACATION FROM PITTSBURGH, SUBJECT CONCLUDED TESTIMONY IN PRE-TRIAL SMITH ACT HEARINGS IN USDC, PITTSBURGH, ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN, LAST, HE AND WIFE, FRANCINE, REMAINED IN PITTSBURGH VICINITY UNTIL NINE PM ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN WHEN THEY PROCEEDED EAST BY AUTOMOBILE ON US HIGHWAY THIRTY, SPENDING NIGHT AT MOTEL NEAR IRWIN ENTRANCE TO PA, TURNPIKE, APPARENTLY TO SAVE HOTEL EXPENSES AT PITTSBURGH. AT APPROXIMATELY SIX THIRTY AM ON AUGUST NINETEEN, INSTANT, ALBERTSON AND WIFE, UNDER SURVEILLANCE OF PITTSBURGH AGENTS, ENTERED PA. TURNPIKE AT IRWIN INTERCHANGE AND HEADED WEST, POSSIBLY RETURNING TO DETROIT.

SUBJECT EXPERIENCED SOME CAR TROUBLE BUT HAS BEEN TRAVELING AT AVERAGE OF FIFTY MILES PER HOUR. CLEVELAND ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY AND BY RADIO RE TAKING OVER OF SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT AND FURNISHED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT, WIFE, AND CAR. CLEVELAND BY RADIO AT TWELVE TWENTY PM, EDST, ADVISED CLEVELAND CARS ASSUMED SURVEILLANCE FROM PITTSBURGH CARS AT SALEM, OHIO, WHERE SUBJECT STOPPED FOR LUNCH. CLEVELAND REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN FULL SURVEILLANCE AND FULL SECURITY AND TO TURN ALBERTSON OVER TO NEXT INTERESTED OFFICE PENDING DETERMINATION OF VACATION PLANS OR HIS RETURN TO DETROIT AND TO ADVISE BUREAU, DETROIT AND PITTSBURGH OF FINAL LOCATION.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS NEW YORK AND PITTSBURGH U R G E N T

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WAS. SMITH ACT OF FORTY. IS DASH C. INFORMANTS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED ALBERTSON TO APPEAR FOR C. P. CONFERENCE AT TWO P.M. AUGUST TWENTY TWO NEXT, IN NYC AND WOULD LEAVE FOR HIS TWO WEEK VACATION FROM NY. SURVEILLANCE REVEALED SUBJECT, WIFE AND SON [redacted] LEFT DETROIT FOUR P. M. TODAY IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE GREEN HUDSON MICHIGAN LICENSE WB ONE TWO ONE FIVE HEADING EAST. ABOUT FIVE PIECES OF LUGGAGE AND TEN GARMENTS ON CLOTHES HANGERS PUT IN CAR. NY FOLLOW CURRENT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. PITTSBURGH INFO. (4)

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) u

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DATE: September 29, 1952 u

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749) u

REGISTERED MAIL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT of 1940 u

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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Re prosecutive summary reports of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, and December 14, 1951. u

Transmitted herewith are fives copies of a supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated September 29, 1952. In compliance with Bureau instructions set forth in bulet to Pittsburgh, dated February 15, 1952, captioned "CP-USA-Brief, (Prosecution of Additional CP Functionaries Under The Smith Act), IS-C," this report sets forth, in addition to other information, all admissible evidence contained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office regarding the subject which was furnished by former TT-1 informants. These former TT-1 informants are set forth in this report as confidential informants T-17, T-19, T-20, T-23, T-24, T-25, T-26, T-28, T-29, and T-30. It is noted that confidential informant T-2, utilized in the attached report, is identical with confidential informant T-2 used in referenced reports dated July 14, 1951, and December 14, 1951, and background information concerning this informant was set forth in rerep dated July 14, 1951. This informant was further identified in my letter to the Bureau dated July 14, 1951. c

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Set forth hereinafter is the identity of the additional confidential informants which were utilized in the attached report: u

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(U) Confidential Informant T-17 T-17 is Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted], formerly designated as [redacted] This informant was formerly Bureau informant [redacted] This informant is white, male, born June 12, 1901, in Tennessee, and has a high school education. The informant joined the Communist Party in September, 1944, in the state of Virginia and has been almost continuously active ever since. He has resided in Pennsylvania since October, 1943, and had been employed as a coal miner until February, 1950, when he was publicly named by MATTHEW CVETIC, former self-admitted District 5, Communist Party, member, while testifying before the House Committee On Un-American Activities, as a member of the Communist Party. This informant has no criminal record and has never been compromised. He is currently a paid live informant and is considered reliable. (C)

(U) Confidential Informant T-18 T-18 is former Cleveland informant [redacted] This informant is identical with Cleveland informant [redacted] He was a member of the Communist Party from 1944 to 1949 and testified in the trial of the eleven Communist Party leaders in New York in 1949. He was a former chairman of a Communist Party club in Cleveland, and is considered reliable. He has no known criminal record. (C)

(U) Confidential Informant T-19 T-19 is former Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted]. This informant was formerly Bureau informant [redacted] This informant

is male, white, 33 years of age, having been born January 14, 1919, at Johnstown, Pa., and is a high school graduate. He joined the Communist Party in 1948 and was a paid informant of the Pittsburgh Office during the first part of 1949; however, he did not furnish any written reports during this time. It is noted that this informant was previously employed as an informant by an outside source and was turned over to the Pittsburgh Office by the Bureau in February, 1949. Informant has never been publicly disclosed; however, an unknown individual contacted District 5, Communist Party, functionaries in May 1949 and informed them that the informant was working for the FBI. Informant was arrested in February, 1949, on a charge of assault and surety, which informant claims arose out of a dispute with his landlord. He was incarcerated in the Allegheny County Jail for one day as a result of this incident.

(U) Confidential Informant T-20

(U) T-20 is Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted], formerly designated as [redacted]. This informant was formerly designated Bureau Informant [redacted] and [redacted]. This informant is white, male, 52 years of age, having been born August 26, 1900, at Barbourville, Ky., and has completed 2 years of high school, as well as a nine month night course for electricians. Informant is currently employed as an electrician. Informant is

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married and has 2 children. Informant had served in the U. S. Navy during World War I and has no known criminal record. Informant joined the Communist Party in August, 1946, and has been a paid informant of the Pittsburgh Office from August, 1948, to the present time. Information furnished by this informant is considered reliable and he has never been compromised. Informant's Communist Party activity has been primarily on a local branch level, although he has been a member of the club executive committee. Informant is remotely acquainted with several members of the National Committee, Communist Party-USA, and well acquainted with some of the District 5, Communist Party, functionaries. It is noted that this informant is the husband of Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] both of whom were obtained by the Bureau from an outside source and were turned over to the Pittsburgh Office in August, 1948. (C)

(U) Confidential Informant T-21 (C) T-21 is Washington Field Security Informant [redacted] This informant is a live informant who has not been exposed to date. Informant was born in Washington, D. C., on January 6, 1895. He joined the CP in 1939 and has been an informant of the Washington Field Office since December, 1940. He is presently an active CP member and is considered a paid informant. Identification records under FBI No. [redacted] reflect that the informant in 1950 was sentenced to 3 years, 6 months, at Levenworth for house breaking and larceny. In 1923 he was sentenced to 5 years at Atlanta for violation

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of the drug act. He was also placed on probation in about 1907. Informant was arrested in Washington, D. C., in 1907 for house breaking and has admitted 30 days incarceration in the Washington, D. C., jail in 1915 for drunkenness. In addition to information reflected in the identification record, the informant admits 180 days probation for incorrigibility in 1907. He was committed to the reform school on December 4, 1909, charged with house breaking and on December 6, 1909, for petty larceny. On December 5, 1915, he was charged with concealed weapons and house breaking with no disposition recorded On January 14, 1922, a concealed weapon charge was dismissed. On December 30, 1927, informant was picked up for investigation but was dismissed. (C)

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Washington Field Office letter to Pittsburgh, dated September 9, 1952, advised that this informant is an earnest, sincere, negro and would probably make a reasonably fair witness and was described as of known reliability.

(U) Confidential Informant T-22 (C)

T-22 is former Cleveland informant [redacted]. This informant was a member of the CP from 1943 to 1949 in the Ohio area. He was at one time a member of the Ohio CP State Committee and previously testified at the trial of the 11 CP leaders in New York in 1949. He is considered reliable and has no known criminal record. (C)

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(U) Confidential Informant T-23 (C)

T-23 is Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] formerly designated as [redacted] This informant was formerly designated as Bureau informant [redacted] and [redacted] Informant is male, white, 60 years of age, having been born August 6, 1892, at Pulaski, Virginia, and has completed 5 years of grammar school. Informant is married and is currently employed as a desk clerk for a motel; however, he was employed for many years as a coal miner. Informant first joined the CP in 1932 at which time he was employed in the Kentucky coal fields as an "undercover man" for a detective agency; however, he subsequently dropped out of the Party. Informant later became a member of the CP in West Virginia in about 1940, and has subsequently been a member of the CP Executive Committee of West Virginia, as well as Secretary of a local CP branch, and a member of the National Coal Commission, CP-USA. Informant is well acquainted with all Party officials in West Virginia. This informant has furnished information to the Pittsburgh Office since December, 1942, and the information furnished by him is considered reliable. He has never been compromised and has no known criminal record.

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(U) Confidential Informant T-24 (C)

T-24 is Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] formerly designated as [redacted] This informant was formerly designated as Bureau informant [redacted] and [redacted] This informant is male, white, born January 1, 1896, in Rumania, and is

a high school graduate. The informant became a naturalized citizen at Pittsburgh on May 1, 1939. The informant became closely associated with the CP in the fall of 1944. He has been a member of the Executive Board of the Homestead, Pa., Branch of District 5, CP, and a member of the City Executive Board of District 5, CP. The informant has been a paid informant of the Pittsburgh Office since March, 1948; is considered reliable, and has never been compromised. (C)

(U) Confidential Informant T-25 (C)

T-25 is Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] formerly designated as [redacted]. This informant is white, male, born May 3, 1887, in Poland and has an eighth grade education. He became a United States citizen January 2, 1945. The informant was recruited into the CP in Pittsburgh in 1928, and has been active ever since. The informant is acquainted with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, and has had regular contact with District 5, CP, functionaries. During early 1950, the informant was involved in a forgery of three checks made out to his son-in-law. The informant was not prosecuted in connection with this forgery and has made restitution for the monies involved. Informant's son and son-in-law are presently incarcerated in federal prison in connection with bank robberies. (C)

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This informant has never been compromised and is currently a paid live informant. It is noted, however, that during the period August 11 to December 4, 1950, the informant was discontinued pending

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settlement of the aforementioned charges. The information furnished by this informant is considered reliable.

(U) Confidential Informant T-26

T-26 is former Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] This informant was formerly designated Bureau informant [redacted] This informant was born December 19, 1899 at Malti, Pa. Informant has an eighth grade education and is employed as a machinist. He became affiliated with the CP in July, 1943, and in 1947 he was Secretary of the Lawrenceville Club of District 5, CP. He was a paid informant of the Pittsburgh Office from June, 1943, until November, 1947, when he was discontinued because he furnished duplicate information to an outside source. The information furnished by this informant is considered reliable. He has never been compromised and is available to testify.

(U) Confidential Informant T-27

T-27 is former Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] This informant is 46 years of age, native born, white, male, and has 2 years of high school, as well as one year of business school education. He was formerly employed as a laborer-inspector on a shell line in a mill and is currently employed as a tester for wire and brake drums. He joined the CP in 1942 and has held several offices in the CP on a local branch level. This informant furnished reliable information to the Pittsburgh Office and was a paid informant from July, 1942, until June, 1948. Informant has been inactive since 1948 and has not submitted any written

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reports since that time. This informant has never been compromised and the information furnished by him was considered reliable. In 1936 informant was charged with aggravated assault and battery in the Allegheny County Court; however, he was acquitted by the jury but ordered to pay the costs of approximately $80. Informant was confined to the Allegheny County Jail the day of the arrest but does not recall having been fingerprinted. (C)

(U) Confidential Informant T-28 (C)

T-28 is Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] formerly designated as [redacted] This informant was formerly designated as Bureau informant [redacted] This informant is white, male, age 48, and has an eighth grade education. He has been employed as a policeman, butcher, clerk, and crane operator, and is presently employed as a wireman. The informant was recruited into the CP in 1942 and has been an active member ever since. During 1945 and 1946, he was Secretary-Treasurer of the UE Local 610 Branch of the District 5, CP. The informant has no known criminal record and has never been compromised. This informant, who has furnished information since 1944, is currently a paid live informant and his information is considered reliable. (C)

(U) Confidential Informant T-29 (C)

T-29 is former Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] This informant was formerly designated Bureau informant [redacted] and [redacted] This informant is 60 years of age, white, and of average intelligence. He joined the CP in June, 1945, and served as a paid informant of the

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Pittsburgh Office in Communist matters from August 16, 1948, to February 16, 1950, when he was discontinued as a result of the fact that he was under suspicion by District 5, CP, and was not being invited to CP functions or furnished with any worthwhile information. (C)

(U) It is noted that information was furnished by this informant to the Bureau during the period June, 1945, to August, 1948, and written reports submitted by this informant were furnished to the Pittsburgh Office by the Bureau under symbol [redacted] This informant, who was discontinued on an amicable basis, has never been publicly disclosed and the information furnished by him was considered reliable. (C)

(U) Confidential Informant [T-30] (C) T-30 is Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] formerly designated as [redacted] This informant was formerly designated as Bureau informant [redacted] This informant, who is white, female, was born October 14, 1923, at Pittsburgh, Pa.; has a high school education; and is of average intelligence. She is married, has 2 children, and is employed as a housewife. Informant has no known criminal record. She joined the CP in August, 1947, and has been a paid informant of the Pittsburgh Office from August, 1948, to the present time. She has never been compromised. Information 38 furnished by this informant is

considered reliable. Informant's CP activity has been on a local branch level, and she is acquainted with some District 5, CP, functionaries. It is noted that this informant is the wife of Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] both of whom were obtained by the Bureau from an outside source and were turned over to the Pittsburgh Office in August, 1948. (C)

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS u

B. Chronological History of Party Positions

Witness advised that a conference of the Communist Party National Mining (Coal) Commission was held on the afternoon of December 15, 1946, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., at which approximately 18 individuals were present, including Communist coal miners and leading Communists from the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. Included in this group of individuals were: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Assistant National Labor Secretary from National Communist Party Headquarters in New York; FRANK MUCCI, Communist Party organizer of District 8, Chicago, Illinois; ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District 5, Communist Party; THEODORE ALLEN, West Virginia State Communist Party Chairman; and GABOR KISH, member of the National Coal Commission, Communist Party-USA, and Washington County, Pa., Communist Party organizer.

GABOR KISH opened the conference by condemning JOHN L. LEWIS' capitulation in the coal strike at the time when victory allegedly was in sight for the miners. He indicated that the Communists must teach the miners that they could not fight their battles alone and unity with the American Federation of Labor, u

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Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Railroad Brotherhood was necessary. U

The subject, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, reported on various proposals which had been discussed a few days earlier in New York by the National Committee of the Communist Party-USA concerning the coal miners' strike. He indicated that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Communist Party Chairman, would write an eight-page pamphlet on mining directed to the miners, which would contain a Christmas greeting to them from the Communist Party. He stated the National Office would also furnish 2,000 copies of the "Daily Worker" and 5,000 copies of "The Worker," East Coast Communist publications, which would be distributed to the miners in the Western Pennsylvania section for a period of 30 days. He also stated that leading Communists from New York would visit the coal mining areas within the next 30 days. He stated that the public must be acquainted with the demands of the miners. Subject stated that Communist Party Headquarters was arranging to print a special paper on mining, and that 10,000 copies of the first edition were to be distributed to the miners. He stated that the auto, steel, and electrical workers were going to make wage demands shortly, and that if a strike was necessary to secure their wage demands, they should urge the three big unions to strike at the same time. Subject continued that in view of the fact that the miners take April 1 as a holiday, that they should try to get the other large unions to declare April 1 as a holiday also, and in that way they could have a general strike for one day. U

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-17

(U) Witness advised that a meeting of the National Railroad Committee of the Communist Party was held on March 2, 1947, at the Slovak Hall, 2147 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was presided over by OTTO WANGERIN, and JOE GARDETTE was appointed chairman. WANGERIN introduced the subject as a member of the National Committee, Communist Party-USA, and the subject gave a brief talk concerning the wishes of the Executive Board of the

Communist Party. The subject stated that the Executive Board had its eyes on the railroad conference and considered it very important.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-18 C

On October 9, 1950, witness advised that the subject had been replaced earlier as Assistant National Labor Secretary of the Communist Party-USA at New York City (approximately October, 1947) by SIDNEY STEINBERG. Witness stated that the subject then went to Pittsburgh, Pa., as district organizer; that the subject was at that time (1950) the most important individual in the Pittsburgh area in regard to Communist Party activities, and that the subject had the complete confidence and support of the Communist Party. Witness stated that the subject was definitely the leader of the Party in Pittsburgh; that STEVE NELSON was merely a figurehead; and that the subject ranks over NELSON in importance and ability. U

(U) Witness: JOHN LAUTNER
c/o THOMAS K. HALL, Criminal Division,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C. C

(U) During the time witness was in Pittsburgh as Regional Director of the Young Progressives of America (January, 1949, to March, 1949) he met with the subject approximately once each week, and he was aware of the fact that subject held an office in the Communist Party at Pittsburgh, Pa. Witness was of the opinion that the subject was Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, Pa. Witness stated that a few of these meetings with the subject were held at Communist Party Headquarters in Pittsburgh; some were held in restaurants, and others were held at the home of the witness. He stated that the subject did not want him to have any open contact with the Communist Party in the Pittsburgh area. At those meetings with the subject, C they discussed organizational problems of the Young Progressives of

America and the subject would give him suggestions as to what the policy of the Young Progressives of America should be in the future. He stated that the subject wanted a distinction between the Young Progressives of America and the Communist Party; however, he looked to the subject for guidance and on numerous occasions, he and the subject had long discussions as to the program of the Young Progressives of America.

(U) The witness pointed out that eventually he and the subject disagreed as to how the Young Progressives of America should be operated. He stated that there was a difference of opinion between the Communist Party and himself regarding the "NATE ALBERT" issue. He pointed out that ALBERT had been indicted on charges of inciting a riot at the Highland Park Swimming Pool in Pittsburgh, Pa., and he had opposed going all out in the defense of ALBERT, whereas, the Communist Party in the Pittsburgh area wanted him to devote the efforts of the Young Progressives of America towards the defense of ALBERT.

The witness recalls that the subject tried to persuade him to stay in Pittsburgh, but the subject specifically admitted that he did not like the way the witness was functioning in the Young Progressives of America. The subject wanted the witness to bring more political aspects into the Young Progressives of America group. He stated that when the subject tried to persuade him to stay in Pittsburgh and continue his activities in the Young Progressives of America group, the subject tried to impress him with the importance of building a large Young Progressives of America group in Pittsburgh.

Witness: ROBERT HARRY GREENBERG

(U) [redacted]

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III. REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SUBJECT SHOWING ADVOCACY OF THE OVER-THROW OF THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE OR VIOLENCE

A. Revolutionary Statements Made By The Subject

Subject was present on January 25, 1949, as an instructor of a Communist Party educational class for the members of the North Side Section of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Imperialism was the topic of discussion at the meeting. The highlight of the meeting came when JOE MANKIN, North Side section organizer, expressed the opinion that Communism would come to this country by force and violence. The subject stated that this was not necessarily true. Subject gave as an example how force and violence came about by citing an instance where, during the course of protecting one's job from a "scab," a striker could be struck on the head by a "cop" and in turn, the striker would naturally follow the first law of nature and strike the "cop" in self defense, although the striker did not use force and violence until he was compelled to do so.

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-19
Confidential Informant T-20

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting is set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, pages 18 and 19, which was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC. CVETIC and T-20 are also unable to corroborate the information regarding the argument between the subject and JOE MANKIN regarding force and violence.)

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IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERNACE OF OVER-ALL MARXIST-LENINIST PROGRAM OF COMMUNIST PARTY AIMED AT EVENTUAL OVER-THROW OF THE GOVERNMENT U

C. Party Directives and/or Educational Outlines, Signed or Issued By the Subject, or Issued While the Subject Was an Officer. U

A letter was issued by District 5, Communist Party-USA, Headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., dated November 14, 1947, addressed to "The Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Club." This letter was written over the name of the subject, "Comradely Yours, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary." The contents of the letter indicates that a copy of this letter was directed to all clubs within the District 5, Communist Party, and an appropriate blank space was left in the address for writing in the appropriate club name. U

The letter stated in substance that a letter had been received from the National Office (Communist Party-USA) informing that the National Literature Department (Communist Party-USA) was unable to print a number of very important pamphlets due to the lack of funds. The letter stated that the pamphlets which they must print immediately were: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's "The Nine Party Conference"; LOUISE MITCHELL's "The High Cost of Living"; and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's "Quarantine the War Mongers." The letter stated that printing of these pamphlets was of key importance at that time, especially in connection with the special session of Congress. U

The letter continued that the National Office (Communist Party-USA) insisted that District 5, Communist Party, submit full payment within one week of their literature bill which was $700. The letter stated that the district was unable to send a check for that amount due to its critical financial situation, and, therefore, the district was forced to insist that the club pay to the district immediately all outstanding literature debts. The letter continued: "If you do this, we can send the money to

the National Office and, thereby, help to guarantee the continuation of vital Communist propaganda activities. You owe the district for literature $14.56." The letter concluded by instructing that this matter be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and the club take the necessary steps to forward the $14.56 to the district within one week. U

Exhibit No. 35 Photostatic copy of a mimeographed letter dated November 14, 1947, issued by District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters over the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary, addressed to "The Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Club." Letter directed all clubs to pay their literature bills within one week. U

(U) Witness: MATTHEW CVETIC
William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A letter was issued by District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pa., dated December 5, 1947, addressed: "To All District Committee Members; To All Section Committee Members; and To All Club Executive Committee Members." This letter was written over the name of ROY HUDSON and subject, "Comradely Yours, ROY HUDSON, Chairman; WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary." The letter set forth in substance that an extremely important district conference was scheduled to take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, 1947, at the Carnegie Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. The letter set forth that the proposed order of business for the conference on Saturday, December 13, would be: Immediate Problems of Party Organization; The 1948 Budget; and the Pennsylvania "Worker" campaign. The agenda for Sunday, December 14, would be: The International Situation; and The 1948 Presidential Election. The letter continued: "From this U

order of business, you can readily see how important this conference is. Discussion and action on these points are necessary to prepare our leadership and members for the struggle that lies ahead." U

Exhibit No. 36 Photostatic copy of a mimeographed letter dated December 5, 1947, issued by District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters over the names of ROY HUDSON, Chairman, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary, addressed to "All District Committee Members, All Section Committee Members, and All Club Executive Committee Members." This letter announced a District 5, Communist Party, conference to be held on December 13 and 14, 1947. U

Witness: MATTHEW CVETIC
William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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D. Contacts Between the Subject and the Eleven Convicted Communist Party Leaders and Other National, District, and State Leaders U

(U) Witness advised that an Eastern Seaboard National Press Conference of the Communist Political Association was held on November 19, 1944, at the Fraternal Club, 110 West 48th Street, New York City. Witness advised that speakers at this conference included JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Trade Union Secretary; EARL BROWDER, National President; JACK KLING, National Financial Secretary; WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Vice-President; WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., JAMES DOLSEN, ISRAEL AMTER, GILBERT GREEN, WALTER LOWENFELS, and the subject, all Communist Party funtionaries.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-2

(U) Witness advised that on July 8, 1947, a meeting of the Washington, D. C., City Committee of the Communist Party was held at 1702-12th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. BETTY GANNETT and the subject, National Communist Party functionaries, were present, as was PHIL FRANKFELD, Chairman of District 4, Communist Party, and WILLIAM TAYLOR, Chairman of the Washington, D. C., Communist Party. The subject spoke at length on the Taft-Hartley Bill, pointing out that it would kill the earning power of the workers; that it aimed at the destruction of organized labor and would also make the National Labor Relations Board a tool of the bossos.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-21

(U) Witness advised that on August 21, 1947, a Communist Party National Auto Conference was held at the Hotel Carter, Cleveland, Ohio. Among those present were WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Communist Party Chairman; ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHSON, National Communist Party Legislative Director, and the subject. At this meeting Communist Party policy with reference to procedures to be followed at the National Convention of the United Automobile Workers-Congress of Industrial Organizations was discussed.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-22

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the Communist Party National Coal Commission on September 6, 1947, at the Music Studio, 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting JOHN WILLIAMSON, member of the Communist Party-USA National Board, told those present to go back to their homes and start as much action as possible against the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill. WILLIAMSON criticized the American help to Greece and Turkey, and stated that the United States was seeking to cause a third world war. Also at this meeting was JOHNNY MITCHELL, prominent District 6, Communist Party, figure, who claimed great progress in organizing the Party and stated that he wanted to talk about the revolution which was expected soon. Upon this statement, MITCHELL was applauded and

the members gathered around him. MITCHELL stated that this great day could be hastened by work within the Army, the Navy, and among the negro people.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-23

Subject called a meeting of the American Federation of Labor Communist Party members, which was held on May 4, 1948, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. It was reported at this meeting that the Communist Party was planning for ads to be placed in the newspapers and for a leaflet distribution campaign throughout Western Pennsylvania. The subject requested money to support the above, and those members who were present donated. At this meeting LOUIS WEINSTOCK, Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA, spoke against the Mundt-Nixon Bill and read a telegram from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman of the Communist Party-USA, which stated that the fight against the Mundt-Nixon Bill took priority over all other Party activities.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-20

(U) Subject called a meeting on June 1, 1948, of the Steel Workers Committee of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called in order to discuss why the Communist Party must lead the steel workers of the United States. GUS HALL, member of the National Board, Communist Party-USA, was present at this meeting to explain to the Committee why they needed unions and why they needed HENRY A. WALLACE for president. HALL stated that the Communist Party's work was to get the steel workers organized and set up a committee in each plant to represent labor, and that this was what would lead them to reach their goal of socialism.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-24

Subject attended a meeting of the National Coal Commission of the Communist Party-USA on June 27, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., at which time IRVING WEISSMAN, Chairman, District 22, Communist Party, THEODORE ALLEN, former Chairman, District 22, Communist Party, and JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA were present.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-23 C

(U) Subject was present at a District 5, Communist Party, conference on February 6, 1949, which was held at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. This conference was also attended by PETTIS PERRY, Chairman of the National Negro Commission, Communist Party-USA; STEVE NELSON, Chairman, District 5, Communist Party; BEN CAREATHERS, District 5, Communist Party, Hill Section organizer, and ANDREW ONDA, District 5, Communist Party, steel organizer. BEN CAREATHERS was the first conference speaker and spoke concerning the struggle for negro rights; however, he noted that the Communist Party had made little progress in selling itself to the negroes in Pittsburgh, Pa. C

PETTIS PERRY delivered the concluding speech at the first session of the conference in which he emphasized that it was the aim of the Communist Party to change the capitalist world of the United States into a socialist world, and in order to accomplish that, the Communist Party, must have the support of all minorities including the negroes. PERRY also mentioned that the frameup against the 12 National Communist Party leaders then on trial in New York City was part of the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union, and that the Communist Party leaders had not broken any law in seeking to advocate socialism and peace. U

Subject spoke at the afternoon session regarding the 1948 and 1949 District 5, Communist Party, budget. In this regard he stated that about one week earlier, the Western Pennsylvania

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district had been asked to raise $1000 towards the defense of the 12 indicted Communist Party leaders and in less than one week District 5, Communist Party, had solicited $1400. Subject concluded his talk by saying that Communism was spreading rapidly, and that once China became Communistic, more than one-half the earth's population would be living under Communist dominated governments. He added "Our goal is a socialistic society in the United States. U

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant [T-17] C
Confidential Informant [T-25]

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 54, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.) U

The subject was present at a mass rally sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, on April 2, 1949, which was held at Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was also attended by ANDREW ONDA, District 5, Communist Party, steel organizer, and STEVE NELSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman. HENRY WINSTON, National Board member, Communist Party-USA, spoke at this meeting in behalf of the 12 Communist Party leaders, stating that it was not their aim to overthrow the government. U

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-24] C

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 37, wherein it was attributed
(U) to Confidential Informant [T-3.] C

(U) Subject attended a Communist Party meeting which was held at East Liverpool, Ohio, on January 7, 1950, at which time GUS HALL, member of the Communist Party-USA, National Board, was present, as well as IRVING WEISSMAN, Chairman, District 22, Communist Party. Subject gave a short talk at this meeting during which he claimed much success in organizational work within the Party. He also stated that the Communists were on the march and would not be stopped.

GUS HALL also spoke at the meeting, during which he stated that great gains had been made by the Communists in China; that the Communists would also take over Formosa; and that India was ripe for picking. HALL also stated during his speech that the National Committee of the Communist Party was furnishing $45 per week to the Party in West Virginia, and that the members of the Party in West Virginia should make some sacrifice so as to help themselves to a greater extent.

During his talk, HALL stated that the miners should not go out on strike at that time, since they would be stepping into a trap laid by President HARRY S. TRUMAN and his big business associates; that the miners were in bad shape financially, and that if they were tricked into a strike they would be unable to get unemployment compensation.

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-23
Confidential Informant T-17

(U) The subject was present at an open meeting sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, on February 17, 1950, which was held at the A. Leo Weil School, Centre and Soho Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. BEN CAREATHERS, District 5, Communist Party, Hill Section organizer, and JAMES DOLSEN, District 5, Communist Party, "Daily Worker," correspondent, were also present. A short talk was given by the subject, calling for united support of the strike of the United Mine Workers of America by providing relief in the form of food and clothing for the striking coal miners. PETTIS PERRY, Chairman of the National Negro

Commission, Communist Party-USA, delivered the principal address, in which he reviewed the history of colored race in the United States.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-25

(U) E. Attendance at Important Meetings, Such as National Conventions and Plenums, District and States Conventions. (This section also includes local meetings believed pertinent, showing extent of subject's Communist Party activities.)

(U) Subject was present at a Communist Party meeting which took place on December 19, 1946, at Communist Party Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. This meeting was the first of a series of talks dealing with the welfare of the Communist Party and was directed primarily by the subject, as well as other leaders of District 5, Communist Party. The meeting was concerned with how to combat the anti-Communists who were recently exiled from the Party for their "red baiting." The subject gave a report on why those former Communists were expelled from the Party. Subject stated that this was no new move on the Party by the capitalists, who were behind the movement, and that the Party as a whole would survive, but in the meantime, the present leadership of the Party must be trained for combating this type of attack. Subject stated that the capitalists were leaving nothing undone to undermind the Party. He pointed out that the American people are easily fooled because they believe what the capitalist press prints, and that the majority of the American people will always be fooled until hunger forces them to see otherwise. He stated that the capitalists were not fooling the Communists, but were only helping to bring the day into existence when the Communists would be the leaders.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-26

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the District Committee of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on October 5, 1947, at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. Discussion was had at this meeting regarding the high cost of living, the election campaign, the PAT CUSH banquet, and recruiting. During the meeting, ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, reported that plans were being formulated that the subject, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, of New York would shortly take over the position of District Organizational Secretary, in fact, the National Communist Party Office had agreed to release the subject for work in this district on October 27, 1947.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-17

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 41, wherein it was (U) attributed to Confidential Informant T-3.)

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the Pittsburgh City Council of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on the afternoon of November 12, 1947, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting DAVE GRANT, District 5, Communist Party, paid functionary, gave a report dealing with the high cost of living and a complete summary of what he termed as an expose of the Justice Department's efforts to stage another "Palmer Day" raid, such as followed World War I. Subject also spoke at this meeting on the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organization unions, stating that the American Federation of Labor is now one hundred per cent with the capitalists.

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(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-26

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 42, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.)

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the Homestead Club, District 5, Communist Party, which was held on December 2, 1947, at the home of ELMER KISH, District 5, Communist Party, member. Subject spoke at this meeting praising ELMER KISH for his work among the steel workers and also discussed the Marshall Plan and the plans of the United States to open the steel mills in Germany in order that ammunition could be made to be used against Russia.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-24

(U) Subject attended the first session of the district conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, District 5, Communist Party, on December 13, 1947. The district conference was held on December 13, and 14, 1947, in the Lecture Room of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. BEN CAREATHERS was chairman of the first session. At the first session the subject presented a report concerning the re-organization of the Party units, during the course of which he dealt with registration and club election. Subject continued that all clubs were to hold two meetings during the month of January, 1948, at which they were to elect a chairman, a secretary, and an educational director. Subject stated that the larger branches could, at their option, elect additional officers, and that the section should elect a Section Committee.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-17

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 43, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC and Confidential Informant T-3.)

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(U) Subject attended a meeting on January 8, 1948, of the Executive Board of the North Side Club of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on the third floor at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. JAMES DOLSEN, District 5, Communist Party, "Daily Worker," correspondent, also attended this meeting. The meeting was primarily concerned with membership and a discussion regarding the breaking up of the North Side Club. At this meeting, JOE MANKIN, North Side Section organizer, openly opposed the decision of the National Committee of the Communist Party-USA, regarding the club. Subject also spoke on why the club had to be broken up, and that if leaders were not available, the City Committee would furnish them with leaders until some one was trained. Subject stated that the North Side Club depended upon a few to run everything, and accused MANKIN of being selfish and wanting to be a big shot, but that he (ALBERTSON) would rather have four "little shots" doing down-to-earth Communist work and getting something done.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-20

(U) Subject attended an Executive Board meeting of the North Side Club of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on January 19, 1948, at the home of JAMES DOLSEN, Jacksonia Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this meeting a report was given by a Communist Party member regarding a possible breakdown of the North Side Club into two groups of 24 members each. A heated discussion followed between JOE MANKIN and JAMES DOLSEN as to the feasibility of this new plan. At this point, the subject told MANKIN that he was certainly lacking in leadership, and that this was a display of what he had heard about the way MANKIN had run the Club, the reason that no one wanted to work for the North Side Club.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-20

(U) Subject attended a 33rd Congressional District Section Conference of District 5, Communist Party, which was held on February 8, 1948, at the Emerson Hall, North First Street, Duquesne, Pa. ELMER

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KISH, prominent District 5, Communist Party, member opened the meeting by saying that the election struggle that year would be fought around fundamental issues, such as world peace or World War III; greater economic security and jobs for the people or depression and unemployment; the safeguarding of democratic liberties or allowing big business to take over; and issue of America moving toward Fascism. Subject also spoke at this meeting regarding negro discrimination and outlined the approach against "Jim Crowism" as set forth by the Communists. BEN CARETHERS, District 5, Communist Party, Hill Section, organizer, also attended the above mentioned meeting.

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-24
Confidential Informant T-27

Subject attended the Eugene Dennis Mass Meeting which was sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, and held at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948. Leading district functionaries were present, including ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, and BEN CARETHERS. HUDSON, CARETHERS, and the subject all spoke praising HENRY WALLACE and Senator GLEN TAYLOR, candidates for president and vice-president on the Progressive Party ticket. They also praised Communists in Czechoslovakia, stating that they were the leaders of the working class and not slaves of Wall Street and the Marshall Plan. All of the speakers attacked United States Congressman JOHN McDOWELL; Governor of Pennsylvania, JAMES H. DUFF; and PHILLIP MURRAY, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, because they were allegedly for imperialism and world domination through Hitler-like "red baiting" and war mongering. They stated that the Communist Party calls for the long range program for the abolition of capitalism, which is the basic cause of economic chaos and unemployment, and that only through the establishment of socialism and nationalization of various key and basic industries will improvement of economic

conditions come to the workers which is the first phase of Communism. U

Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-25
Confidential Informant T-28
(U) Confidential Informant T-24
Confidential Informant T-19
Confidential Informant T-29
Confidential Informant T-30

(U) (It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 45, wherein it was attributed to Confidential Informants T-5 and T-6.) b6 b7C

(U) Subject attended a meeting on April 14, 1948, of the Local 610 Branch, District 5, Communist Party, which was held at Turtle Creek, Pa. One individual at the meeting inquired as to the "connection between Russian Communists and the United States Communists," and the subject stated there was no connection, and that the United States group is autonomous. He stated that the standard of living in the United States would remain unchanged while the Russian, Rumanian, and Czechoslovakian's would gain. Subject explained the Communist grab in Czechoslovakia by saying that when a new party takes control of the government in the United States, all of the opposite party members start looking for jobs. No one in the United States criticizes the Republican for firing the Democrats when they win and vice versa. He stated that the Communists, Socialists, and other liberals were the successful ones in the election in Europe and they did exactly what is done in the United States--fired the opposition. Subject stated that they have freedom of the press in Czechoslovakia but it would be ridiculous for those in control to let the opposition papers print anything that would destroy the liberty of the people; therefore, they do not print anything that would hurt the cause. In reference to world Communism, he stated that the reason they wanted world Communism is a peaceful one, and that if all the world is Communistic and there is no exploitation of the fellow man,

there would be no incentive for profit--take away the profit angle and oliminate wars.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-28

(U) Subject attended a meeting on April 29, 1949, of the Local 610 Branch of District 5, Communist Party, which was held in the Workers Hall, East Pittsburgh, Pa. A discussion was had at this meeting regarding United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America Local 610 problems and the subject was of the opinion that a strike would take place soon at the Westinghouse Airbrake Plant, Wilmerding, Pa., in order to enforce their demand for a wage increase.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-28

(U) Subject attended a District 5, Communist Party, Conference on May 15 and 16, 1948, which was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. The conference was also attended by BEN CAREATHERS and JAMES DOLSEN. The principal report on May 16, 1948, was delivered by ROY HUDSON, District 5, Communist Party, Chairman, who reported on the National Convention of the Communist Party, which was to be held in New York City, New York, in August, 1948. HUDSON stated that each state organization would elect 2 delegates for the first 500 members and one additional delegate for each additional 500 members. He stated that District 5, Communist Party, would have 3 delegates. At the session on May 15, 1948, the method of demonstrating opposition to the Mundt-Nixon Bill was discussed. It was also stated at this session that if the Communist Party were outlawed, reactionaries, through the Mundt-Nixon Bill, would prosecute every militant trade unionist as being a Communist.

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-25
Confidential Informant T-17

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, pages 48 and 49, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.) b6 b7C

(U) Subject attended a special meeting of the District 5, Communist Party, Committee, on June 5, 1948, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of hearing reports from the leading delegates who had recently returned from Washington, D. C., where they had been protesting against the Mundt-Nixon Bill. The subject spoke on the need for raising funds to fight the Mundt-Nixon Bill and stated that the quota for Western Pennsylvania would be $10,000 and that $2000 had already been raised. BEN CAREATHERS was also present and gave a report on the delegation which was sent to Washington, D. C.; that he and GABOR KISH, prominent member of District 5, Communist Party, had represented the 50 delegates in Washington, D. C. JAMES DOLSEN also was present at this meeting.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-24

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 49, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC and Confidential Informant T-3.)

(U) Subject attended a special meeting of the Communist Party members in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America Locals 601 and 610 on September 25, 1948, which was held at the Workers Hall, East Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was called to ascertain what the cause was for the poor attendance at the meetings and the poor Party spirit within Local 601 and 610 Branches of the Communist Party. The following problems were discussed at the above mentioned meeting; however, no solution was reached: The theory that the members were afraid that they would be exposed; that the reactionary press propaganda was

undermining their faith in the Party, or that the Party members were just plain lazy.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-28

Subject was present on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948, at District 5, Communist Party, Convention, which was held at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. At the session on July 10, 1948, the subject stated that the Western Pennsylvania Communist Party district was entitled to 3 regular and 2 alternate delegates to the National Communist Party Convention to be held within a short time in New York City. He also stated that the District Communist Party Board had recommended that the District Committee be reduced from 43 to 11 or 13 members. A short discussion followed his address. u

HENRY WINSTON, National Communist Party Board member, apparently displeased with the discussion, then stated that the National Committee desired that the District Communist Party Committee be composed of only 11 members and that it would be no larger. WINSTON stated that the committee must be small, so that it could be called together under any and all conditions and at any hour since the political situation in this country was very serious. WINSTON continued that the National Communist Party Convention would reduce the size of the National Communist Party Committee from 55 to 15 members, so that it might be prepared for any emergency that might arise. u

The Rules Committee then voted to approve the recommendations of the National Committee. Thereafter, following the meeting of various nominating caucuses, the Convention elected BEN CAREATHERS, STEVE NELSON, and the subject as delegates to the National Communist Party Convention to be held in New York City with ELEANOR SACKTER and TONY LEPOVICH as alternates. u

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-17.
Confidential Informant T-24.
Confidential Informant T-25.
Confidential Informant T-20.

(It is noted that information regarding this Convention was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, pages 50 and 51, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC and Confidential Informant T-3.) (U)

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(U) Subject attended a Communist Party Youth Conference which was held on October 10, 1948, at the Mayfair Hotel, 423 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was also attended by STEVE NELSON. The subject delivered the principal address at the conference, during the course of which he stated that during the time EARL BROWDER was the leader of the Communist Party-USA, and since, little consideration had been given to the Communist Party youth organizations such as the Young Communist League. He stated that immediately after the November, 1948, elections the Communist Party would begin to organize youth organizations similar to the Young Communist League, and that the Marxist-Leninist doctrines would be taught in these new organizations. Subject continued that it would not be necessary for members of the new youth groups to be members of the Communist Party, but that the new groups would be dominated by the Communist Party.

Subject stated that many people now say that war is inevitable, but that it was the duty of the Communist Party to train the youths of our nation and poison their minds against Fascism and war in time to stem the tide of war. He mentioned that it would take the United States at least two years to prepare for war, and that the Communist Party could do a lot of good work within that time. He remarked that the United States is the breeding grounds for war and Fascism, and that the American youth must be taught to hate the causes of war, such as, military training. He concluded that the Soviet Union is carrying on a peace offensive at the present time, and that the Communist Party must teach the American youth to work for peace.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-17

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Subject attended a meeting of the State Convention of the Communist Party of West Virginia on December 5, 1948, which was held at 401 Jacob Street (Brown Building), Charleston, W. Va. Subject made a long speech at this meeting in regard to the program of the Communist Party in the past 35 years. In this regard, subject stated that 35 years ago there were no Communists and until about 15 years ago the Communists had met in secret places in fear since they expected to be raided or shot. Now it is the rich men in the world who are trembling and in a state of hysteria. He stated that Russia's 200,000,000 people are controlled by the Communists; that China with its 400,000,000 people is just about conquered, and that Communism is making inroads among India's millions of people. Subject stated that France is shaking; that Italy is fast swinging to Communism; and that Latin American countries are in a state of revolt. He stated that Communism is actually "sweeping the world like a new broom." He then discussed the Party's activities in West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-23

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 53, wherein it
(U) was attributed to Confidential Informant T-7.)

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Subject attended a mass protest meeting sponsored by the District 5, Communist Party, on the evening of January 15, 1949, which was held at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was stated to be in protest to "thought control." (This had reference to protesting the indictment of the 12 National Communist Party leaders.) BEN CARRUTHERS was chairman at the meeting and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party-USA, was present as one of the principal speakers.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-20

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(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 54, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.)

(U) Subject was present at a special meeting of District 5, Communist Party, functionaries which was held on March 9, 1949, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:30 PM. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing an open letter that President HARRY S. TRUMAN had written regarding the 12 Communist Party leaders in which he called them "traitors" to the United States. STEVE NELSON was also present at this meeting and delivered a speech. During the speech, he stated that the United States Government was very angry at the 12 Communist Party leaders because the latter say they are fighting for peace and freedom for labor. NELSON stated that accusations have been made against the Communists; that in the event of war, they would go into the mills and sabotage industry. NELSON stated: "We want to remain loyal to our country; we do not want to do such a thing, and we do not want any one also to do any such thing." NELSON continued: "It is up to us to work harder to win freedom for the people of the United States and to save the United States from Fascism."

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-24

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 55, wherein it was attributed to Confidential Informant T-3.)

(U) Subject was present on Sunday evening, May 1, 1949, at a farewell party in honor of SAM REED, Monongahelia Valley Section organizer of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at the Emerson Hall, North First Street, Duquesne, Pa. ANDREW ONDA was also present and gave a short speech in which he stated that another

purpose of the meeting was to celebrate May Day, which is the Communists' biggest day.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-24

(U) Subject was present on the evening of May 10, 1949, at a meeting of the North Side Section of District 5, Communist Party, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a report by the subject on a plenum of the National Committee of the Communist Party-USA, which was held in New York City on February 23, 1949. Subject stated that the defense of the 12 Communist Party leaders was discussed; that the districts were told to do something about getting money pledged by the individual clubs, and that this money should be raised before June 1, 1949. Subject stated at this meeting that Communist Party members should be more active within the Progressive Party.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-20

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, July 14, 1951, page 57, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.)

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(U) Subject attended a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party, on June 30, 1949, which was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of distributing a booklet written by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER of the Communist Party-USA, entitled "The Twilight of World Capitalism." The subject and ANDREW ONDA gave a review of the book and praised it highly.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-24

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Subject attended a Steel Section meeting of District 5, Communist Party, on July 13, 1949, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. This meeting was also attended by ANDREW ONDA, who made the principal report; STEVE NELSON, and BEN C.REATHERS. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a struggle for a 25 cents an hour wage increase and pensions without contributions by the steel workers, to be used in the event the contemplated steel strike took place.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-25 C

(U) Subject attended a meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club Executive Committee on July 21, 1949, which was held at the home of LOUIS BORTZ, 1253 Shadycrest, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8:00PM. ANDREW ONDA was also present. The chairman announced that the subject and ONDA were present for the purpose of evaluating the reports of the group captains and to aid them in adopting plans of action for all of the South Side Club groups. The subject reported upon Communist clubs and groups functioning within the city of Pittsburgh.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-25 C

(U) Subject attended a membership meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club on September 9, 1949, which was held at 537 Cabot Way, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject spoke at this meeting on the history of Communism and Party achievements from the beginning until 1949. He stated that there are over three billion people in the world who are members or sympathizers of the Communist Party and not just in "bur" corner of the world; therefore, who can deny that the Communists today are not a power--not only in Russia where they have established a successful socialist system but throughout the world. He stated that the Communists are human beings and make mistakes, but they spot them and correct them more quickly than most other groups because they are imbued with the spirit of Marxism and socialism. He stated that the Communist Party must resume its

strong roll in the struggle for negro rights from a Marxist standpoint; that the negro question is a national question; and that they are against white supremacy. He stated that the basic policy of the Communist Party is a prominent industrial concentration; therefore, all Communists and youth clubs, as well as shop industrial clubs, should redouble their efforts to reach the industrial workers for the Party. He stated that millions of workers, not yet ready to join the Party, can be organized to join in an united front action to work with the Communists for their most immediate demands, until they become convinced that the Communist Party is the only party that stands for a fundamental solution to their problems.

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-25
Confidential Informant T-29

(U) Subject was present at a District 5, Communist Party, Conference on the afternoon of November 12, 1949, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. STEVE NEISON, BEN CARRUTHERS, ANDREW ONDA, and JAMES DOLSEN were also present at this meeting. The subject delivered the principal address in which he stated that the Communist Party had suffered some serious reverses during the recent months; that the goal of the Communist Party was socialism in America; and that the Communists would never give up the fight to bring about that result. Subject also discussed the fund drive in regard to the defense of the eleven Communist Party leaders in New York. Subject also discussed "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker" subscription campaigns in Western Pennsylvania, stating that the district had accomplished much during 1949 and had increased the circulation of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" more than any other district in the country.

(U) Witnesses: Confidential Informant T-17
Confidential Informant T-25

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated December 14, 1951, page 18, wherein it was attributed to Confidential Informant T-3.)

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Subject attended a meeting of District 5, Communist Party, Committee on December 4, 1949, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and which BEN CAREATHERS, JAMES DOLSEN, and ANDREW ONDA also attended. Subject spoke at this meeting and stated that the eastern European democracies were gaining one important victory after another, and that China was breaking up the United States spy ring in that country. He stated that since the Soviet Union now has the atomic bomb, the position of Russia in world affairs has been strengthened. He continued, however, that the Soviet Union was using atomic energy for peaceful purposes at the present time. On the debit side, subject reported that American imperialist forces were starting to work in Europe and had been able to establish a toe hold in Yugoslavia, and that there was real danger that the Communists in the United States would be isolated in trade unions and political parties unless the Communist Party began action to forestall the same. Subject stated that the Communist Party must take an active part in the 1950 election, and they should not in every case try to formulate policies in the election campaigns, but if the Party saw that the majority of the voters wanted a certain candidate nominated on either the Democratic or Republican tickets, the Communists should go along with the majority.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-17

(U) Subject attended a special meeting on December 27, 1949, of the American Federation of Labor Union members of the Communist Party in the Pittsburgh area, which was held at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject delivered a lengthy report, in which he pointed out that the leadership of the U. S. S. R. is making a strong bid for world peace and is developing atomic energy

for peaceful uses, such as the irrigation of waste desert lands; however, the Soviet Government is also prepared to wage war with its atomic weapons. Subject discussed the recognition of the Communist government in China by England and predicted that the United States would soon recognize the Chinese Communists. Subject also reported on the third party movement, and indicated that the Progressive Party would soon disintegrate. He urged Communist Party members to become active in the Democratic Party and not to isolate themselves within the Progressive Party since this Party was not actually a true representative of labor.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-20] C

(U) Subject attended a meeting sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, which was held on January 14, 1950, at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Tenth and Penn Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa. The meeting was in honor of the 70th birthday of JOSEPH STALIN and was attended by ANDREW ONDA, BEN CAREATHERS, and JAMES DOLSEN. The subject spoke at the meeting and stated that he had received instructions to hold a birthday celebration in honor of JOSEPH STALIN and LENIN, the leaders of Marxism. During his speech, he stated that if it were up to Wall Street there would be a third world war; that they (the war mongers) can see that STALIN is only interested in peace; and that it will not be long until they (Russia) will be able to force all the war mongers into peace in each country.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-24] C

Subject attended a rummage sale and lunch on the evening of January 21, 1950, which was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., which was sponsored by District 5, Communist Party. Approximately 100 individuals attended this affair, including ANDREW ONDA, JAMES DOLSEN, and BEN CAREATHERS. The proceeds from the affair were utilized in behalf of the "Daily Worker" subscription drive.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-24] C

(U) F. Attendance At Communist Party Schools or Subject's Activities as an Instructor at Communist Party Schools.

Witness advised that prior to April, 1948, he had been a member of the Micrometer Club of the Communist Party in New York and had been sent by the Kings County Communist Party to a two-week school, which was held at the corner of 17th Street and Third Avenue, New York City. This school was sponsored by the Communist Party and was taught by instructors sent directly from the National Party Headquarters. Witness advised that the school consisted of courses in Marxism and Leninism, and that approximately 20 persons attended this school. Witness advised that the subject, an Executive Board member of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, attended this school.

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(U) Witness: ROSARIO ROBERT PAGNOTTA

(U) Subject was present and conducted a Communist Party educational class of the North Side Section group leaders on January 11, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. This was the first of a series of six classes. Subject stated that some of the topics to be studied and discussed during the course would be: Imperialism drawing toward war; Fighting for peace and democracy; The negro question; Differences in minority groups; Relationship of the negro to the working classes; Problems of socialism in the United States; How socialism operates in the Soviet Republic; The kind of party the Communist Party is; What we strive for; and Use of Marxism to fight the everyday struggle. Subject also stated that the outside reading material would be: "Value Price and Profit" by KARL MARX, and the "Communist Manifesto, Part I."

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-19

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 59, wherein it
(U) was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.)

(U) Subject was present as an instructor at a Communist Party educational class for group leaders of the North Side Section, District 5, Communist Party, which was held on January 18, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Informant advised that the books to be used in the course were: "Theory and Practice of the Communist Party"; "What Price Profits" by MAX WEISS; "Value Price and Profit" by KARL MARX; the "Communist Manifesto" by MARX and ENGELS; and the January, 1949, issue of "Political Affairs."

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-20

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 18, wherein it (U) was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.) U

Subject was present as an instructor for a Communist Party educational class for the North Side Section Group captains, District 5, Communist Party, which was held on February 1, 1949, at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. b6 b7C

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-20

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, pages 19 and 20, wherein it was attributed to MATTHEW CVETIC.) U

(U) Subject was present as an instructor at a Communist Party educational class on the evening of February 15, 1949, which was held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. The subject continued the unfinished lesson from an earlier meeting on the negro question, discussing exploitation, discrimination, segregation, and the denial of rights to the negro. Subject listed the denial of constitutional rights under the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, disqualification from jury duty, lynching, police

terror, and the denial to own land in the city as problems to be considered with regard to the negro question. He stated that the negroes of the United States have the four fundamental characteristics which MARX described as a nation--a common territory, culture, economic struggle, and common speech.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant [T-20] C

(It is noted that information regarding this meeting was set forth in the report of S. [redacted] b6 b7C
(U) Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 60, wherein it was attributed to [MATTHEW CVETIC.)] C

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VI. APPENDIX - WITNESSES (U)

The following are the witnesses set forth in the order in which they appear in the previous Sections of this report: (U)

Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish Or Produce (U)	Page Number
(U) Confidential Informant T-17	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party, and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject was present as Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA, at a conference of the National Coal Commission in Pittsburgh on December 15, 1946, and also reported on various proposals which had been discussed a few days earlier in New York by the National Committee, Communist Party-USA, concerning the coal strike; that the subject attended a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party Committee at Pittsburgh on October 5, 1947; that the subject attended the first session of a District 5, Communist Party, conference at Pittsburgh on December 13, 1947, at which subject presented a report concerning the re-organization of party units and sections; that subject attended a District 5, Communist Party, conference at Pittsburgh on May 15 and 16, 1948; that subject attended the District 5, Communist Party, convention at Pittsburgh on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948, at which HENRY WINSTON, Communist Party functionary was present; that subject attended a	1-2, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 28, 29

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
	(U) Communist Party youth conference at Pittsburgh on October 10, 1948, at which subject delivered the principal address; that subject attended	
	(U) a District 5, Communist Party, conference in Pittsburgh on February 6, 1949, at which time PETTIS PERRY, Chairman, National Negro Commission, Communist Party-USA, was one of the principal speakers; that subject attended	
	(U) a District 5, Communist Party, conference at Pittsburgh on November 12, 1949, at which he spoke stating that the goal of the Communist Party was socialism in America; that the subject attended a District 5, Communist Party meeting on December 4, 1949, at Pittsburgh; and that the subject attended a meeting	
	(U) of Communist coal miners from Ohio, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania, at East Liverpool, Ohio, on January 7, 1950, at which GUS HALL, member of the National Board, Communist Party-USA, was also present. (U)	
(U) Confidential Informant T-18	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject was present as a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, at a meeting	2-3
	(U) of the National Railroad Committee of the Communist Party, which was held on March 2, 1947, at Chicago, Illinois.	

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
JOHN LAUTNER c/o THOMAS K. HALL Criminal Division U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C., or SAC, FBI, Washington, D. C.	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness has the equivalent of 1½ years of teacher's college training; was expelled from the Communist Party in January, 1950; was a Party functionary for over 20 years; and has no criminal record. He has held numerous positions in the Communist Party and at the time of his expulsion, he was a New York State functionary, and a member of a Communist Party-USA National Commission. He has associated with Communist Party members on a state and national level; has a wide background in Party schools and activities; and has taught classes in Party schools.	3
	Witness has testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee (McCarran) and the Subversive Activities Control Board. He has appeared as a Government witness in the Baltimore, Los Angeles, and New York Smith Act trials, and he has been characterized as an "excellent witness" by the attorneys who have worked with him.	
	This witness can testify that the subject was replaced as Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA, by SIDNEY STEINBERG; that the subject then went to Pittsburgh, Pa., as a district organizer (October, 1947); that the subject was the most important individual in the Pittsburgh	

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
	area; and that the subject had the complete confidence and support of the Communist Party. Witness can also testify that the subject was definitely the leader of the Party in Pittsburgh; that STEVE NELSON was merely a figurehead; and that the subject ranked over NELSON in importance and ability. U	
(U) ROBERT HARRY GREENBERG [redacted]	This witness was born [redacted] and was a member of the Communist Party from approximately August, 1947, until the middle of 1950. This witness has a high school education and served in the United States Merchant Marine from 1942 to 1948. Witness returned to Niagara Falls, N. Y., in August, 1948, where he operated the Velda Weaving Service; later was employed at an Atlantic service station, and thereafter was employed as a truck driver for the Goodyear Service stores. Witness departed Niagara Falls, N. Y., in April, 1942, with plans to reside permanently in California. The Identification Division of the FBI advised on Sept. 23, 1952, that this witness under FBI No. [redacted] has the following record of arrests:	3,4 b6 b7C

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
(U)	This witness can testify that during the time he was in Pittsburgh, Pa., as Regional Director of the Young Progressives of America from approximately January, 1949, to March, 1949, he met with the subject approximately once a week, which was for the purpose of getting suggestions and guidance in the operation of the Young Progressives of America; that he knew the subject held an office in the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, Pa., and he was of the opinion that the subject was Organizational Secretary; and that some of these meetings were held at Communist Party Headquarters in Pittsburgh. Witness can testify that at these meetings with the subject, they discussed organizational problems of the Young Progressives of America and the subject would give suggestions regarding the future policy of the Young Progressives of America; that subject did not want him to have any open contact with the Communist Party; that the subject wanted a distinction between the Young Progressives of America and the Communist Party; that eventually he and the subject disagreed as to how the Young Progressives of America should be operated; that there was a difference of opinion between him and the Communist Party regarding the "NATE ALBERT" issue, ALBERT having been indicted on charges of inciting a riot at the Highland Park Swimming Pool in Pittsburgh, and that he had	

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	opposed the Young Progressives of America devoting all its efforts toward the defense of ALBERT as the Communist Party had desired. Witness can testify that prior to his leaving Pittsburgh, subject had tried to persuade him to stay in Pittsburgh and continue his activities in the Young Progressives of America. (U)	
(U) Confidential Informant T-19 C	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness has never been publicly exposed and was arrested in Pittsburgh in 1949 on a charge of assault and surety. (U) This witness can testify that the subject attended a EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948, at which EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker, and that the subject was present as an instructor of a Communist Party educational class in Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 11 and 25, 1949. (U)	5, 18, 19, 31
(U) Confidential Informant T-20 C	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the North Side Club of District 5, Communist Party, on January 8, 1948, and January 19, 1948, at Pittsburgh, at which the breaking up of the North Side Club was discussed; that the subject attended a meeting at Pittsburgh of the American Federation of Labor Communist (U)	5, 10, 17, 22, 24, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33

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	Party members on May 4, 1948, at which LOUIS WEINSTOCK, Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party-USA, spoke against the Mundt Bill; that the subject attended the District 5, Communist Party, convention at Pittsburgh on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948; that the subject attended a Communist Party mass protest meeting at Pittsburgh on January 15, 1949, at which ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, National Communist Party functionary was the principal speaker; that the subject was present as an instructor at a Communist Party educational class at Pittsburgh on January 18, 1949, January 25, 1949, February 1, 1949, and February 15, 1949; (U) that subject attended a meeting of the North Side Communist Party Section at Pittsburgh, Pa., at which subject reported on a recent plenum of the National Committee Communist Party-USA; and that subject attended a meeting of the American Federation of Labor Communist Party members in Pittsburgh on December 27, 1949, at which subject reported that the U.S.S.R. was developing atomic energy for peaceful uses; however, it was also prepared to wage war if necessary. (U)	
MATTHEW CVETIC William Penn Hotel Pittsburgh, Pa.	(It is noted that background information regarding this witness was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated July 14, 1951, page 64.) This witness can	6,7,8

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
	introduce the mimeographed letters dated November 14, 1947, and December 5, 1947, issued by District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters over the name of the subject as Secretary of District 5, Communist Party. U	
(U) Confidential Informant T-2	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and the National Committee, Communist Party-USA, and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended a meeting of the eastern seaboard National Press Conference of the Communist Political Association held at New York City on November 19, 1944, at which WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Vice-President; JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Trade Union Secretary; and EARL BROWDER, National President, were the principal speakers.	8
(U) Confidential Informant T-21	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended a meeting of the Washington, D. C., City Committee at Washington, D. C., on July 8, 1947, at which BETTY GANNETT, National Communist Party functionary; PHIL FRANKFELD, Chairman of District 4, Communist Party, and WILLIAM TAYLOR, Chairman of the Washington, D. C., Communist Party, were present.	9

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
(U) Confidential Informant T-22	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended a Communist Party National Auto Conference held at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 21, 1947, at which WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman, Communist Party-USA, and ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON, National Communist Party functionary, were present.	9
(U) Confidential Informant T-23	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended meetings of the National Coal Commission, Communist Party-USA, on September 6, 1947, and June 27, 1948, at Pittsburgh, Pa., at which JOHN WILLIAMSON, National Communist Party functionary, was present; that the subject attended the state convention of the Communist Party of West Virginia at Charleston, W. Va., on December 5, 1948; and that the subject attended a Communist Party meeting at East Liverpool, Ohio, on January 7, 1950, at which GUS HALL, member of the National Board, Communist Party-USA, was present.	9,10, 11,13, 24

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(U) Confidential Informant T-24	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended a Communist Party meeting on December 2, 1947, at which he criticized the plans of the United States to open the steel mills in Germany in order that ammunition could be made to be used against Russia; that the subject attended a meeting of the 33rd Congressional District Section of District 5, Communist Party, at Duquesne, Pa., on February 8, 1948, at which subject spoke regarding negro discrimination; that subject attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948, at which EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker; that the subject attended a meeting of the Steel Workers Committee of District 5, Communist Party, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 1, 1948, at which GUS HALL, member of the National Board, Communist Party-USA, was present; that the subject attended a meeting of the District 5, Communist Party, Committee at Pittsburgh on June 5, 1948; that the subject attended the District 5, Communist Party, Convention at Pittsburgh on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948; that the subject attended a special meeting of District 5, Communist Party, functionaries at Pittsburgh on March 9, 1949, held for the purpose of hearing an open letter	10,12, 16,17, 18,19, 21,22, 25,26, 30

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	written by President HARRY S. TRUMAN in which he called the 12 Communist Party leaders "traitors"; that the subject attended a Communist Party mass rally at Pittsburgh on April 2, 1949, at which HENRY WINSTON, National Board member, Communist Party-USA, was a principal speaker; that the	
(U)	subject attended a Communist Party meeting at Pittsburgh on June 30, 1949, at which a review of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's book "The Twilight of World Capitalism" was given; and that the	
(U)	subject attended a Communist Party meeting at the Fort Pitt Hotel at Pittsburgh, on Jan. 14, 1950, which was	
(U)	in honor of the 70th birthday of JOSEPH STALIN.	
(U) Confidential Informant T-25	This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party, and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended a EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting at Pittsburgh on February 28, 1948; that subject attended a District 5,	11,12, 13,14, 18,19, 20,22, 27-28
(U)	Communist Party, Conference at Pittsburgh on May 15 and 16, 1948; that the subject attended the	
(U)	District 5, Communist Party, Convention at Pittsburgh on July 9, 10, and 11, 1948, at which HENRY WINSTON, National Board member, Communist Party-USA, was present; that the subject attended a conference of	
(U)	leading District 5, Communist Party, members at Pittsburgh on February 6, 1949, at which the subject reported	

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	on district activities; that the subject attended a Steel Section meeting of District 5, Communist	
(U)	Party, at Pittsburgh on July 13, 1949; that the subject attended a	
(U)	meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Side Communist Community Club, District 5, Communist Party, in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 21, 1949, for the purpose of evaluating reports of group captains; that the subject attended a meeting of the	
(U)	South Side Communist Community Club on September 9, 1949, at which he spoke on the history of Communism; that the subject attended a district conference at Pittsburgh on	
(U)	November 12, 1949; and attended an open meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 17, 1950, sponsored by District 5, Communist Party, at which PETTIS PERRY, Chairman, National Negro Commission,	
(U)	Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker.	
(U)	Confidential Informant T-26	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject was present at a Communist Party meeting at
(U)		District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters, Pittsburgh, on December 19, 1946, which was the first of a series of talks dealing with the welfare of the Communist Party, and that the subject attended a meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., of the
(U)		Pittsburgh City Council of the District 5, Communist

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	(U) Party, on November 12, 1947, at which DAVE GRANT, paid District 5, Communist Party, functionary, gave a report on the high cost of living.	
(U) Confidential Informant T-27	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. In 1936, this witness was charged with aggravated	17, 18
	(U) assault and battery; however, he was acquitted and ordered to pay the costs. This witness can testify that the subject attended a meeting	
	(U) of the 33rd Congressional District Section of District 5, Communist Party, on February 8, 1948, at Duquesne, Pa., at which SAM REED, District Organizer, reviewed the activities of the Party, and BEN CAREATHERS, Hill Section Organizer,	
	(U) spoke regarding civil rights.	
(U) Confidential Informant T-28	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended the EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948, at which EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker; that the subject attended	18, 19, 20, 21, 22
	(U) a meeting of Local 610 Branch of District 5, Communist Party, on April 14, 1948, Turtle Creek, Pa., at which subject stated there was no connection between the Russian Communists and the United States Communists, and	

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	that the reason they wanted Communism was a peaceful one, since the establishment of this state would eliminate the exploitation of one's fellow man; that the subject attended a meeting of Local 610	
(U)	Branch of District 5, Communist Party, at East Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 29, 1948; and that the subject attended a special meeting	
(U)	of Communist Party members in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Locals 601 and 610, at East Pittsburgh, Pa., which was called by District 5, Communist Party, functionaries for the purpose of ascertaining the reason for poor attendance and poor	
(U)	Party spirit.	
(U) Confidential Informant T-29	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended and spoke at a EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting held at Pittsburgh, on February 28, 1948, at which EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker; and that the subject also attended a	18,19, 27,28
(U)	membership meeting of the South Side Communist Community Club of District 5, Communist Party, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on September 9, 1949, at which he spoke regarding the history of the Communist Party.	

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
(U) Confidential Informant T-30	This witness is a current member of the Communist Party and is considered reliable. This witness can testify that the subject attended a EUGENE DENNIS mass meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 28, 1948, at which EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, Communist Party-USA, was the principal speaker.	18,19
(U) ROSARIO ROBERT PAGNOTTA [redacted]	This witness is a former member of the Communist Party and was born [redacted] He attended Brooklyn public schools prior to quitting in his junior year in 1934. As of May, 1945, he served as Secretary-Treasurer of Local 1225 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America-CIO, and was a former member of the Young Communist League and the American Youth for Democracy. He was a member of the Labor Committee to elect PETE CACCHIONE, Communist Party candidate for the New York City council and was an endorser of the second front rally held in Union Square in 1942. He also was named Fraternal Delegate from Trade Unions to the New York State Communist Party Convention in 1944. This witness is no longer a Communist Party member, having severed his (U) connections with the Party in 1948, when, according to his own	31

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(U)	admission, he "saw the light."	
	This witness testified in 1949 for the Government before the Sub-Committee of the United States House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor at the United States Court House, New York City, pursuant to which he received considerable newspaper publicity. As a result of publicity concerning his Communist background, he found it extremely difficult for a couple of years thereafter to obtain employment. Witness fears that his present position as store manager for the Pepper Brothers Paint Company, 1321 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, would undoubtedly be jeopardized should he testify and, therefore, he prefers not to testify in behalf of the Government. Witness, who is also active in several social and religious organizations, also expressed a fear of repercussions in this connection should he be called upon to testify.	
(U)	This witness can testify that the subject, an Executive Board member of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, had attended prior to April, 1948, a two-week Communist Party school, which was held at 17th Street and Third Avenue, New York City,	

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	which school was taught by instructors sent directly from National Communist Party Headquarters and consistod of courses in Marxism and Leninism. u	

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VII. APPENDIX - EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description, Location and Witness to Introduce	Page Number
35	Photostatic copy of a mimeographed letter dated November 14, 1947, issued by District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters over the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary, addressed to "The Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Club." This letter directed all clubs to pay their literature bills within one week. U Original mimeographed document is being maintained in the Pittsburgh Office, FBI. U This exhibit can be introduced by MATTHEW CVETIC.	6,7
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36	Photostatic copy of a mimeographed letter dated December 5, 1947, issued by District 5, Communist Party, Headquarters over the name of ROY HUDSON and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary, addressed to: "All District Committee Members; All Section Committee Members; and All Club Executive Committee Members." This letter announced a District 5, Communist Party, Conference to be held on December 13-14, 1947. U Original mimeographed document is being maintained in the Pittsburgh Office, FBI. U This exhibit can be introduced by MATTHEW CVETIC.	7,8
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ENCLOSURES TO USA: One photostatic copy of Exhibits 35 and 36. 4

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TO: Director, FBI (100-3-74 Sub-39) Date: October 31, 1952 u

FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh (100-8527 Sub A) u **REGISTERED**

SUBJECT: COMPROS - PITTSBURGH u

William O Albertson

Re Section 6 of SAC Letter No. 97, dated September 29, 1951, instructing that after the U. S. Attorney advises which informants and confidential sources are to be used as witnesses a detailed letter be prepared concerning each Smith Act subject, advising the Bureau of all witnesses to be used in the prosecution of that subject. u

The required information concerning each of the six Pittsburgh Smith Act subjects is being set forth in this letter with copies being designated for the appropriate Bureau and Pittsburgh files. u

It will be noted that the points to be covered by each of the several witnesses are given in general terms. More specific information as to the legal points to be established by each witness is not available since the Departmental Attorneys have not yet prepared an outline of the expected testimony of the
(U) witnesses, with the exception of MATTHEW CVETIC. ~~u~~

STEVE NELSON u

Witness	Expected Testimony
(U) ~~JOHN LAUTNER~~	NELSON's attendance at, and participation with others in the 1940 and 1948 National Conventions of the Communist Party, USA, in New York City. u
	NELSON's duties and activities as a member of the Nationality Groups Commission, Communist Party, USA. u

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Witness	Expected Testimony
(U) ~~MATTHEW CVETIC~~	NELSON's duties and responsibilities as District 5 Communist Party Chairman, 1948-1950. U
	Certain activities of NELSON as a member of the Nationality Groups Commission, Communist Party, USA, 1945-1948. U
	One or more statements by NELSON tending to show advocacy of the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence. U
	One or more statements showing NELSON's adherence to the principles of Marxism-Leninism. U
	NELSON's attendance at the following specific Communist Party activities: Communist Party meeting, Hotel Lincoln, New York, June 21, 1947; District 5 Communist Party Convention, July 9, 10, and 11, 1948 - Overt Acts No. 5, 8, 10, 11, and 15, as listed in the indictment.
(U) ~~WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL~~	NELSON's attendance at the Lenin School in Moscow, 1931-1933. U
(U) ~~PAUL CROUCH~~	NELSON's activities as a Communist Party official in California from about 1938 to 1941. U
(U)	It is noted that ~~CROUCH~~ has not been definitely selected as a witness against NELSON. If available, however, he is expected to testify at the Pittsburgh trial.
[redacted]	NELSON's responsibility as District 5 Communist Party Chairman for the over-all operation of the district. U

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Witness	Expected Testimony
	NELSON's attendance at numerous Communist Party meetings with other co-conspirators including, but not confined to, the other defendants. u
	NELSON's attendance at the 1948 Communist Party Convention. u
(U) [redacted]	NELSON's activities in California as State CPA Chairman. u
	NELSON's participation in the 1945 reconstitution of the CP. u
	WILLIAM ALBERTSON
(U) ~~MATTHEW CVETIC~~	ALBERTSON's duties and responsibilities as Organizational Secretary, District 5 CP, 1947-1950. u
	ALBERTSON's activities in setting up and teaching classes in the principles of Marxism-Leninism in Pittsburgh. u
	One or more statements by ALBERTSON tending to show advocacy of the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the U. S. Government by force and violence. u
	ALBERTSON's participation in the activities listed as Overt Acts No. 5, 7, 8, 15, and 16 in the indictment. u
(U) [redacted]	ALBERTSON's activities and duties as Organizational Secretary, District 5 CP, 1947-1950. u
	ALBERTSON's attendance at a meeting of the CP,USA Coal Commission, East Liverpool, Ohio, December, 1949. u

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Witness	Expected Testimony
(U) [redacted] C	ALBERTSON's activities in Detroit, Michigan, and vicinity as a functionary of District 7 CP. U
(U) [redacted]	It is noted that the Departmental Attorneys, Pittsburgh, have not yet definitely determined whether or not [redacted] will be used. However, she is a probable witness against ALBERTSON at the Pittsburgh trial.
(U) JOHN LAUTNER C	ALBERTSON's activities as a member of the same section of the CP, New York City, as LAUTNER. U
	ALBERTSON's activities as CP Organizer among the restaurant workers in New York, 1947. U
	Knowledge that ALBERTSON was assistant to JOHN WILLIAMSON, National CP Labor Secretary, in 1946. U
	JAMES HULSE DOLSEN
(U) MATTHEW CVETIC C	DOLSEN's activities as Literature Director and "Daily Worker" correspondent, District 5 CP, from about 1945 to 1950. U
	DOLSEN's participation in the July, 1945, Convention, District 5 CP, reconstituting the CP. U
	DOLSEN's participation in the activities listed as Overt Acts No. 5, 8, 11, 15, and 16 in the indictment. U
(U) [redacted] C	DOLSEN's activities as "Daily Worker" correspondent and Literature Director, District CP, from about 1943 to 1952. U
	DOLSEN's participation in the 1948 District 5 CP Convention together with the other defendants. U

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Witness	Expected Testimony
BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS U	
(U) ~~MATTHEW CVETIC~~	CAREATHERS's activities and duties as Pittsburgh City Secretary and Pittsburgh City Chairman, and as head of the Negro Commission of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, about 1945 to 1950. U
	CAREATHERS's activities and duties as member of the District Committee and District Board, District 5 CP. U
	Knowledge that CAREATHERS was a part time paid functionary of the CP. U
	CAREATHERS's attendance at a CP meeting on May 31, 1945, to discuss the Duclos Article. U
	CAREATHERS's attendance at, and participation in, the District 5 CP Convention on July 15, 1945, reconstituting the CP. CAREATHERS appointed an alternate delegate to the National CP Convention, New York City. U
	CAREATHERS's participation in activities listed as Overt Acts No. 5, 8, 11, 15, and 16, in the indictment. U
(U) [redacted]	CAREATHERS's activities as Chairman, Negro Commission, District 5 CP, and as CP Organizer in the Hill District, Pittsburgh, 1944 to 1950. U
	CAREATHERS's attendance at, and participation in, the 1948 District 5 CP Convention. U
	CAREATHERS's attendance at, and participation in, numerous CP meetings from about 1945 to 1950. U

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Witness	Expected Testimony
	ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA u
(U) ~~MATTHEW CVETIC~~	ONDA's duties and responsibilities as Steel Organizer, District 5 CP, 1948-1950. u
	ONDA's participation in the activities listed as Overt Acts No. 5, 8, 15, and 16 in the indictment. u
(U) [redacted]	ONDA's activities as a CP official in Connecticut, 1943-1946. u
	ONDA's participation in the reconstitution of the CP in 1945. u
	One or more statements by ONDA tending to show advocacy of the overthrowing and destroying of the U. S. Government by force and violence. u
(U) [redacted]	ONDA's activities as Steel Organizer, District 5 CP, 1948-1951. u
(U) ~~JOHN LAUTNER~~	ONDA's participation in a National CP Training School in 1940. u

It is noted that although ANDREW ONDA has been severed from the other defendants at this trial the Departmental Attorneys, Pittsburgh, contemplate introducing evidence against ONDA since evidence against ONDA is admissible also against the other members of the conspiracy. u

	IRVING WEISSMAN u
(U) [redacted]	WEISSMAN's activities as No. 1 man in the CP of West Virginia from about May, 1948, to May, 1950. u
	WEISSMAN's furtherance of the CP policy of concentration of members in the coal mines of West Virginia. u

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Witness	Expected Testimony
	One or more statements by WEISSMAN tending to show advocacy of the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying of the Government of the United States by force and violence. U
	WEISSMAN's participation in the activities listed as Overt Acts No. 2 and 4 in the indictment. U
(U) JOHN LAUTNER C	WEISSMAN's participation in a CP Conference at CP Headquarters, 35 East 12 Street, New York, New York, in about April, 1949.
	Knowledge of WEISSMAN's difficulties in promoting CP work in West Virginia in 1949, (U) based on a trip to West Virginia and consultation with WEISSMAN by LAUTNER. C
(U) [redacted] C	WEISSMAN's attendance at a meeting of the (U) CP USA Coal Commission in East Liverpool, Ohio, in December, 1949, or early January, 1950. C
	This meeting also attended by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, co-defendant, and GUS HALL, National CP Board member. U
(U) [redacted] C	WEISSMAN's activities as Chairman, District 22 CP, from about April, 1949, to January, 1951. U
	The Departmental Attorneys, Pittsburgh, are presently considering [redacted]s a possible witness against IRVING WEISSMAN and a pretrial interview has been authorized by the Bureau. C Although Bureau authority to use [redacted] as a witness has not been granted, his expected testimony is set forth herein in the event he is later cleared to testify at the Pittsburgh trial.

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In addition to the expected testimony set forth above relating to the several defendants, certain witnesses will offer general testimony regarding the structure and policies of the CP. These witnesses, together with the points they are expected to cover, are set forth below: U

(U) ~~MATTHEW CVETIC~~ — Structure of the CP in Western Pennsylvania. U

Security measures practiced by CP officials and members in Western Pennsylvania. U

CP policy of concentration of membership in basic industries, such as steel and coal. U

(U) ~~JOHN LAUTNER~~ — Structure of the CP, USA including the CP Underground structure. U

CP advocacy of the duty and necessity of the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances will permit. U

CP discipline of the membership. U

(U) ~~WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL~~ — The Lenin School in Moscow. U

(U) ~~PAUL CROUCH~~ — Lenin School in Moscow and CP schools. U

CP advocacy of the duty and necessity of the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances will permit. U

CP policy of infiltration in the Armed Services of the United States. U

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: [redacted]

October 7, 1952 U

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(Prosecution of Additional
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Reference is made to the supplemental prosecutive summary report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 14, 1951, a copy of which was furnished to the Department on January 5, 1952. U

There is attached hereto a copy of an additional supplemental prosecutive summary report on Albertson prepared by Special Agent [redacted] and dated September 20, 1952. Photostats of exhibits 35 and 36 listed in this report are also attached. U

This report contains the balance of the admissible evidence of a violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on the part of Albertson developed by this Bureau. U

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT, FORTY. RE PITTSBURGH TEL (U) SEPT. TWENTYNINE LAST. [redacted] AN D [redacted] b2 b7D WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW WITH DEPT. ATTORNEY ALFRIEND SINCE EXPOSURE WOULD MATERIALLY AFFECT OUR PERSENT SECURITY WORK.

(U) [redacted] IS PRESENTLY A PAID INFORMANT FOR FLINT PD AND INFORMANT FOR A. C. SPARK PLUG. GMC, FLINT. APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO (U) [redacted] EXPRESSED DESIRE TO TESTIFY. TGDAY PLANT PROTECTION A. C. SPARK PLUG AND FLINT PD ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INFORMANT TESTIFYING, HOWEVER, TODAY INFORMANT (U) STATED SHE WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO HAVE PRE-TRIAL INTERVIEW OR (U) TESTIFY IN NEXT THREE MONTHS BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH AND HEART (U) CONDITION. INDICATED SHE PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO TESTIFY AFTER (U) THREE MONTHS AND DURING DETROIT SMITH ACT TRIALS. IT WILL BE POINTED OUT TO ALFRIEND THAT INFORMANT MAY BE CALLED LABOR SPY BY CP WHEN EXPOSED. IDENTITY WILL BE WITHHELD FROM ALFRIEND. THIS (U) OFFICE REQUESTS PERMISSION FOR PRE-TRIAL INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] (U) [redacted] BY ALFRIEND. THIS INFORMANT HAS SUBMITTED INFO ON SUBJECT. HE WAS DISCONTINUED BY THIS OFFICE IN BULET JULY THREE LAST PRINCIPALLY FOR OFFERING HIS SERVICES TO MICH. STATE POLICE BOTH MSP AND [redacted] TODAY STATED THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION

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(U) FOR INTERVIEW BY ALFRIEND. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT [redacted] C

(U) [redacted] AND [redacted] BE WITHHELD FOR b2 b7D

(U) INTERVIEW AND THAT [redacted] BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WAS, SMITH ACT, FORTY. IS - C. RE DETROIT COMPHOS - DAYLET TO DIRECTOR WITH COPY TO PITTSBURGH SEPT. TWENTYSIX. SUBJECT DRIVING FORTYNINE MEDIUM GREEN FOUR DOOR HUDSON, MICH LICENSE WB ONE TWO ONE FIVE, DEPARTED DETROIT ELEVEN A.M. TODAY, HEADING FOR PITTSBURGH. PITTSUBRGH INFO.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WAS., SMITH ACT, FORTY, ISC. RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU DATED AUG TWO ONE, LAST. SUBJ RESIDING WITH RELATIVES AT SEVEN TWO NAUGHT ST. MARKS AVE., BKLYN. OBSERVED THIS DATE WITH FAMILY AT JONES BEACH, LI. SPOT CHECKS WILL CONTINUE AND DETROIT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. (u)

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT FORTY. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY RICHARD ALFRIEND HAS ADVISED ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE WITNESS WHO CAN TESTIFY AT FORTYCOMING PGH SMITH ACT TRIAL CONCERNING SUBJECT-S CP ACTIVITIES AT DETROIT BETWEEN APRIL FIFTY AND JANUARY FIFTYTWO. ALFRIEND REQUESTED DETROIT ASCERTAIN IF ANY FORMER INFORMANTS WHO CAN TESTIFY TO ABOVE. IF NOT, ALFRIEND REQUESTED CONSIDERATION BE (U) GIVEN TO MAKING [redacted] AVAILABLE FOR PRE TRIAL INTERVIEW. (U) ALFRIEND LISTED NEXT PREFERENCES AS [redacted] OR [redacted] (U) [redacted] ALFRIEND WILL DEPART PGH FOR DETROIT VIA CLEVELAND ON OCTOBER TWO, ARRIVING AT DETROIT OCTOBER THREE OR FOUR, FOR PURPOSE CONDUCTING PRE TRIAL INTERVIEWS. DETROIT SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY TO BUREAU BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ABOVE INFORMANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAC LETRS NINETY SEVEN AND ONE NAUGHT TWO, DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE AND OCTOBER THIRTEEN, FIFTYONE, RESPECTIVELY. ALFRIEND ALSO DESIRES DETROIT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO INTERVIEW WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL AT DETROIT, OCTOBER THREE OR FOUR.

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ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA OF 1940. PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY RE FD 9 SUBMITTED ON ROBERT HARRY GREENBERG SEPTEMBER 15 LAST. INFORMATION NEEDED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY RE SUBJECT. (4)

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
Born May 7, 1910
Odessa, Russia
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Transmitted for your consideration are numerous reports in the case entitled, "William Albertson, Internal Security - C."

Your attention is directed to the foregoing reports inasmuch as they appear to relate to the individual inquired about. In connection with this request, it is to be pointed out that Albertson is one of the defendants in the current Smith Act trial in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which started on November 5, 1952, in the U.S. District Court at Pittsburgh. The trial incidentally has been temporarily halted due to the illness of the judge. The [redacted] is conspiring to teach and advocate the duty and necessity of overthrowing the government by violence.

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CP USA TOP FUNCTIONARIES, IS - C. DAYLET [redacted] b2 b7D

ADVISED ON DECEMBER TWENTYTWO BILL ALBERTSON, PITTSBURGH SMITH ACT SUBJECT, RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN DETROIT ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN AND INTENDS TO REMAIN UNTIL HIS TRIAL AGAIN BEGINS IN PITTSBURGH ABOUT FEBRUARY TWO NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON; IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940. SUBJECT A PATIENT OF MANHATTAN GENERAL HOSPITAL SINCE 1/15/53. UNDERWENT SURGERY FOR HEMORRHOIDS. WILL POSSIBLY BE RELEASED ON 1/22/53. SPOT CHECKS CONTINUING.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS- C, SMITH ACT. BUFILE SIXTYFIVE DASH THREE EIGHT ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT. NY FILE SIXTYFIVE DASH FIVE SIX NAUGHT FOUR. SUBJ PRESENTLY STANDING TRIAL PITTSBURGH. PITTSBURGH AIR TEL DEC. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYTWO, CAPTIONED COMPROS- PG, CC N.Y. STATES SURVEILLANCE OF DEFENDANT PRIOR TO APPEARANCE IN COURT FEB. TWO NEXT WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED UACB. DE DASH THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH S- ASTERISK- ADVISED TODAY SUBJ ENTERING UN-NAMED HOSPITAL, N.Y. JAN. FIFTEEN, NEXT. SUBJECTS WIFE FRANCINE TO LEAVE DETROIT SIX PM TODAY VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINE, FLIGHT NO. FIVE TWO EIGHT, ARRIVE N.Y. EIGHT THIRTYSEVEN P.M. N.Y. WILL HANDLE ACCORDING TO BUREAU EXISTING COMPROS REGULATIONS. BOTH SUBJ AND WIFE KNOWN TO N.Y.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT. RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU, PITTSBURGH AND NY JANUARY 14, 1953. SUBJECT BECAME PATIENT AT MANHATTAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, NYC, TODAY. AILMENT AND ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF STAY UNKNOWN, BUT WILL BE ASCERTAINED.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS C, SMITH ACT FORTY. RE NY TEL JAN. TWENTY LAST ADVISING SUBJECT POSSIBLY RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL ON JAN. TWENTYTWO. DE THREE SEVEN FOUR S* ADVISED THAT ACCORDING TO [redacted] SUBJECT'S SON, UPON RELEASE FROM HOSPITAL SUBJECT WILL BE AT HOME OF [redacted] COUSIN, ADDRESS FURNISHED AS CARE OF [redacted] (PHONETIC), [redacted] PHONE PRESIDENT TWO-THREE NAUGHT SEVEN FOUR.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C; SMITH ACT, 1940. SUBJECT RELEASED FROM MANHATTAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, NEW YORK CITY ON 1/24/53. PRESENTLY REGISTERED AT HOTEL EARLE, 103 WAVERLY PLACE, NYC, AND ANTICIPATES RETURNING TO DETROIT ON SUNDAY, 2/8/53. SPOT CHECKS CONTINUING.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SA, FORTY. DA-S PITTSBURGH, ADVISED THEY CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL OBTAIN ADDITIONAL WITNESS TO TESTIFY AT PITTSBURGH TRIAL RE ACTIVITIES OF DEFENDANT WILLIAM ALBERTSON WHILE IN NEW YORK, PRIMARILY FROM NINETEEN FORTY FIVE TO FORTY SEVEN. DA-S PITTSBURGH STATE RELUCTANT TO USE ACTIVE INFORMANT FOR THIS PURPOSE AND REQUESTED THIS OFFICE TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY FORMER INFORMANT, SOURCE, OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL IN NEW YORK AREA AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY TO ALBERTSON-S CP POSITION AND CP ACTIVITIES WHILE IN NEW YORK AND TO ONE OR MORE STATEMENTS BY ALBERTSON DURING THAT PERIOD SHOWING ADVOCACY OF OVERTHROW OF U. S. GOVERNMENT OR ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES MARXISM DASH LENINISM. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IMMEDIATELY AND SUTEL BUREAU AND PITTSBURGH NAME OF POTENTIAL WITNESS, OFFICE RECOMMENDATION AND WHETHER WITNESS AVAILABLE AND WILLING TO TESTIFY AT PITTSBURGH TRIAL.

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WASH 14 FROM NEW YORK 1 9-26 PM TM

DIRECTOR URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C., SMITH ACT FORTY. RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO BUREAU, MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYTHREE. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REQUEST REFLECTED IN REFERENCED TEL, PERTINENT FILES NYO REVIEWED IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF SOURCES AND INFORMANT S TO POSSIBLY BE UTILIZED IN PG TRIAL. SAME FAILED TO REVEAL ANYTHING OF A PERTINENT VALUE AND THE FOLLOWING INFORMANTS ARE PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE TO TESTIFY- [redacted] b2 b7D AND [redacted] ANGELA CALAMORIS IS UNAVAILABLE UPON OWN REQUEST. BELLA DODD DOES NOT WISH TO TESTIFY IN SMITH ACT TRIAL. BALMES HIDALGO PRESENTLY IN CIA, CANAL ZONE, AND MARTHA MAC LANE NOW RESIDING IN WEISBADEN, GERMANY WITH HUSBAND, LT. KONSTANT T. KOWALL. AS REFLECTED IN NY LETTER TO BUREAU, NOV. FOUR, FIFTY, OF WHICH PG HAS A COPY, JOHN LAUTNER IN POSSESSION OF PERTINENT INFO. ALSO IN NY LETTER TO PG, AUG. SEVEN, FIFTYONE, LOUIS F. BUDENZ ASSOCIATED SUBJ WITH CP. PITTSBURGH IN POSSESSION OF ALL PERTINENT EXHIBITS AND COPIES OF NY REPORTS CONCERNING ALBERTSON.

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TO : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

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FROM : MR. P. L. COYNE

SUBJECT: RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Memorandum dated 2/27/53 from Mr. Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, to the Director, included the following in a list of names approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

Name William Albertson

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FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-16560)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Rerep SA [redacted] 6/12/52, Detroit.

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Since Subject's trial began, October 14, 1952, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he has made his residence there temporarily. At the outset of the trial, it was anticipated that it would be a speedy one, however subsequently the trial has had several delays due to very unusual circumstances.

During the adjournment of the trial the Subject has visited his home in Detroit, Michigan, and the Bureau and the Pittsburgh Office were notified as to his whereabouts.

In view of the fact that the trial was anticipated to have been a speedy one and in order to include the verdict of the trial in a report, a report has not been written since referenced report. However, since the trial has been a lengthy one, a report is presently being prepared on the Subject.

It is to be noted that subsequent to referenced report, the Subject has devoted the majority of his time to his own defense. However, he has been somewhat active in the CP and various front groups as well as the writing of articles for the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" in which he criticized the Trucks Act of Michigan and the arrest of the six Smith Act Subjects arrested September, 1952, in Detroit.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	INTERNAL SECURITY -C SMITH ACT, 1940

AGENCY
REQ. REC'D 12-11-53
REP'T FORW. 12-30-53
BY WFP-JEH

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject currently resides 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, and is publicly referred to as Executive Secretary of Michigan CP. Informant advised, however, Subject no longer holds official status in District 7, CP, USA. Subject has been indicted for violation of Smith Act of 1940 and presently on trial, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject active CRC 1952-1953, attended STEVE NELSON rally 9/18/52; has written articles for Michigan Edition - The Worker and has been instrumental in efforts to repeal the Michigan Trucks Act.

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DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:

All informants used in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

It is to be noted that the Subject has been indicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and is presently on trial in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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Detroit Informant T-1 advised on June 19, 1953, that the Subject currently resides at 1449 Collingwood, Detroit.

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B. Employment

According to an article in the Daily Worker, an East Coast Communist publication dated May 1, 1953, entitled, "Set May Hearings on Trucks Act," page 6, column 3, the Subject is referred to as Executive Secretary of the Michigan Communist Party.

The Detroit News, a daily newspaper edited and published in Detroit, has also referred to the Subject as the Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Michigan.

Detroit Informant T-2 advised in January, 1953, that the Subject no longer holds official status in the Communist Party District #7 apparatus. Informant stated that the Communist Party has instructed the Subject to devote full time in defending himself in his Smith Act prosecution in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

II. THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

A. Civil Rights Congress of Michigan Activities

The Civil Rights Congress, hereinafter referred to as the CRC, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Detroit Informant T-3 advised that the Subject attended CRC-sponsored meeting February 9, 1952, and T-9 stated that Subject has been observed at the CRC Headquarters, 1442 Griswold, Detroit, on nine different occasions from April 29, 1953, through September, 1952.

In February, 1952, Detroit Informant T-4 advised that the Subject was in attendance at a CRC meeting held February 3, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

Informant advised that the Subject gave a short talk at the meeting. T-5, T-6 and T-7 also reported on the Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned meeting.

In April, 1952, Detroit Informant T-8 advised Subject was in attendance at a CRC-sponsored meeting held March 28, 1952. The informant advised that the purpose of this meeting was to raise funds for the defense of the 16 CP leaders who were to go on trial in New York City on March 31, 1952. T-2, T-3, and T-7 also reported on the Subject's attendance at the above meeting.

T-5 advised that on April 21, 1952, the Subject was in attendance at the CRC-sponsored testimonial banquet held for GEORGE CROCKETT, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. T-5 advised that Subject gave a talk at this meeting, mentioning the hard work that CROCKETT had done in analyzing the Michigan Trucks Act. The Subject urged everyone to work hard todefeat the bill so that when CROCKETT returns from jail he will find the bill nonexistent.

It is to be noted that GEORGE CROCKETT, a Detroit attorney, defended CARL WINTER, CP leader in the trial of the eleven national CP leaders and was found guilty of contempt of court October 14, 1949, by Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA and according to T-9, has been active in various CP front groups.

The Michigan Trucks Act is an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Michigan which requires all Communists to register.

T-3, T-4, T-7, T-9, T-10 and T-11 also reported on the Subject's attednance at the above testimonial banquet.

In May, 1952, T-5 related that the Subject attended a CRC-sponsored May Day festival held May 4, 1952, at the Madison Ballroom, Woodward and Forest Streets, Detroit. Informant advised there were approximately 275 persons present and that the Subject was one of the featured speakers. T-2, T-7, T-12, T-13 and T-14 also reported on the Subject's attendance at the above festival.

T-15 advised that on May 11, 1952, the Subject was in attendance at the State Conference of the CRC held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. T-2, T-7 and T-16 also reported on the attendance of the Subject at the above conference.

In September, 1952, T-4 advised that Subject was in attendance at a CRC-sponsored meeting held September 18, 1952, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. Informant stated that there were approximately 170 persons in attendance at this meeting and was concerned with the Committee to Defend the Pittsburgh Six. Informant further stated that the Subject spoke for about 15 or 20 minutes, in which he stated that the progressive thinking people are steadily winning victories and as proof of this he cited the recent elections of the union at Ford Local 600. He stated that the recent election proved without a doubt the desires of the workers to fight against reaction and any form of dictatorship.

It is to be noted that the Pittsburgh Six, as referred to above, relates to the six individuals now on trial in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. Informant T-7 also reported of the Subject's attendance at the above-referred-to meeting.

T-17 advised in November, 1952, that the Subject was in attendance at the CRC-sponsored banquet held on November 22, 1952, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit.

Informant advised that this banquet was held in honor of the six Detroit defendants of the Smith Act and that the Subject was one of the featured speakers on the program. Subject stated that victory was in sight in Pittsburgh due to the fact that the selection of the judge and jurors was causing a delay in the trial proceedings.

He stated that the judge originally assigned to this case was in the hospital and that no other judge wants to accept the case and that in view of this, victory is in sight. He further stated that he feels confident of a mistrial unless the opposition can produce a miracle. Informants T-18 also reported on the Subject's attendance at the above banquet.

T-8 advised that on November 23, 1952, Subject was in attendance at a CRC-sponsored banquet held in honor of the eight leaders of the Michigan Communist Party who have been either indicted or sentenced under the Smith Act of 1940. Informant advised that this affair was part of the general $40,000 fund drive campaign

launched by the Michigan CP and the CRC. Informant stated there were approximately 200 persons in attendance at this affair and that the subject gave a report on the Smith Act trials at Pittsburgh and spoke of the success of the defense to disqualify many jurors around the issue of prejudices against Communism or Communist Party leaders.

T-17 advised in January, 1953, the Subject was in attendance at a CRC-sponsored social held December 31, 1952, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. Informant advised that there were approximately 300 persons in attendance.

In the January, 1953, issue of the "Labor Defender," Volume 1, Number 2, issued by CRC of Michigan, there appeared on page 2 a letter written by the Smith Act Subjects of Detroit and the Subject. The letter in part urged an immediate peace in Korea; further stated that the Wall Street profiteers are bringing their country into war for the sake of world imperialism.

In February, 1953, T-20 advised that the Subject had contacted ART SHAUL, Executive Secretary of the CRC of Michigan, and requested that the CRC make every effort to raise $200 or $300 for the Pittsburgh Smith Act subjects.

Subject indicated that the money could be raised on any basis contributors desired. Subject also indicated that the same request was being made of other CRC branches. T-21 advised in March, 1953, that the Subject was in attendance at a CRC-sponsored banquet held March 28, 1953, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. Informant advised that this banquet was held in honor of STEVE NELSON who is a known CP member and is presently serving a sentence for violation of the Pittsburgh State Anti-Sedition Laws. Informant stated that NELSON was a principal speaker and that there was approximately $1,000 collected for the defense of NELSON.

B. Michigan Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born

The Michigan Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, hereinafter referred to as the MCPFB, is the Michigan

Chapter of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, which has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

T-7, whose sources are unknown, advised in March, 1952, the Subject was in attendance at a MCPFB-sponsored meeting held February 15, 1952, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit.

T-4 advised that on March 2, 1952, the Subject was in attendance at a MCPFB-sponsored banquet held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit, which was held in honor of ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, and for the purpose of raising money for this organization. Informant further stated that at this meeting there was a considerable sum donated and pledged toward this fund drive. T-3, T-7 and T-8 also reported on the Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned banquet.

C. Miscellaneous

T-22 advised that on September 18, 1952, the Subject was in attendance at a STEVE NELSON rally held at 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. Informant stated that Subject was one of the principal speakers. He spoke of the recent arrests of the Smith Act subjects and stated they were timed to cover up corruption and waste in the government as well as to destroy unions.

T-22 further stated that on September 28, 1952, the Subject was in attendance at a CARL WINTER anniversary party held at 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. It is to be noted that CARL WINTER has been convicted of violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and is now serving sentence. Informant further stated that Subject was one of the principal speakers of this party.

Informant T-23 also reported of the Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned party.

T-4 advised in June, 1951, that the Subject was in attendance at a meeting of the Michigan Council for Peace held June 9, 1951, at the Women's Club, Hancock and Second Streets, Detroit. It is to be noted that T-5 had advised the Michigan Council

for Peace is a CP front group organized and directed by Local District 7 CP members.

T-7 advised in October, 1952, that the Subject was in attendance at a National Negro Labor Council-sponsored concert held June 22, 1952, in Detroit. Informant advised there were approximately 600 persons in attendance at this concert. It is to be noted that T-3 advised in November, 1951, that the NNCL was initiated and directed by the Communist Party.

III. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Michigan Edition - The Worker Activities

Mrs. BERENICE BALDWIN, admitted CP member from 1943 to 1951 in Detroit, and who has testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in February, 1952, advised that the Michigan Herald was a CP publication which, in February, 1948, became the Michigan Edition - The Worker.

T-7 advised in January, 1952, that the Subject was in attendance at a Michigan Worker bazaar held November 16 and November 18, 1951. The informant advised that the Michigan Worker bazaar was an annual affair to raise funds for the Michigan Communist press and the Michigan Worker and was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. Informant advised that the objective of the affair was to raise a considerable sum of money which was Michigan's quota in the current national Communist press fund drive and to launch a campaign to increase the present Michigan Worker circulation.

T-4 advised that on February 9, 1952, the Subject was in attendance at a meeting sponsored by the Michigan Worker held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. Informant advised there were approximately 200 persons present and the purpose of the meeting was to raise money to finance the paper.

Informant T-7 also reported on the Subject's attendance at a buffet supper held for GEORGE MORRIS on April 19, 1952, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. It is to be

noted that GEORGE MORRIS is the national editor of the Worker, the Sunday edition of the Daily Worker. Informant advised that there were approximately 325 persons present at this banquet and that the banquet marked the opening of a $5,000 fund drive for use by the MCPFB.

T-8 advised in July, 1952, that the Subject was in attendance at the Michigan Edition - the Worker-sponsored picnic held July 6, 1952, at Arcadia Park, Detroit. Informants T-7 and T-24 also reported of the Subject's attendance at the above-mentioned picnic.

T-7 advised in October, 1952, that the Subject was in attendance at a Freedom of the Press Clubs of Michigan, held September 13, 1953, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. Informant advised that this club is a Communist front organization organized for the purpose of promoting the Michigan Edition - the Worker and that there were approximately 100 persons in attendance.

T-18 advised in January, 1953, that the Subject was in attendance at the annual New Year's Eve party sponsored by the Michigan Edition - the Worker, held December 31, 1952, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. There were approximately 250 persons present at this affair.

It is to be noted that the Subject has written articles which appeared in 27 different editions of the Michigan Edition - the Worker from the period April 14, 1952, through November 23, 1952. Many of these articles were mainly concerned with the Subject's criticism of the Michigan Trucks Act and the position of the CP in relation to the Act.

B. Michigan Trucks Act Activities

In the April 10, 1952, edition of the Detroit News, second blue streak edition, page one, column four, there appeared an article entitled, "Funds to Curb Reds Sought by Governor." This article in part reads, "Governor Williams announced today that he would seek funds to increase the size of

the State Police Subversive Squad as a result of the Communist Party's expressed defiance of the Trucks Anti-Communist Bill now awaiting his signature." "William Albertson, State Secretary of the Party, told the Governor Wednesday afternoon that Party members will defy the registration provisions."

In the November 10, 1952, edition of the Detroit News, second blue streak, page one, column six, appeared an article entitled, "High Court to Review State Red Control Act." This article in part reass, "The Michigan law is of the same general nature as the federal Internal Security Law of 1950, sponsored by Senator McCarran (DEM), Nev., which required registration of Communist active organizations.

"The test of the Trucks Act was initiated by the Communist Party of Michigan and its secretary, William Albertson, soon after the state law became effective on April 27, 1952."

On November 21, 1952, an article appeared in the Detroit News, page 18, column four, entitled, "Reds Offered Ally in Fight." This article in part reads, "The Trucks Act was upheld by the Federal Court at Detroit. That decision was appealed by William Albertson, head of the Communist Party in Michigan. Albertson's suit in Federal Court halted enforcement of the law three days after it became effective."

It is to be noted that the Detroit Office is in possession of Photostats of the records of the United States Supreme Court Case Number 384, entitled, "William Albertson of the CP of Michigan, a Voluntary Unincorporated Association Vs. Frank G. Millard, Attorney General of the State of Michigan, Et Al." These records reflect in part the following: The case was instituted by the CP of Michigan, seeking to have the Michigan Communist Control Law, popularly known as the Trucks Act, declared unconstitutional as being violative of the United States Constitution. These records are divided into ten sections. One of these sections, captioned "Transcript of the Record," consisting of 67 pages, contains the transcript of the records in lower court proceedings prior to the appeal to the United States Supreme Court

growing out of a complaint signed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Executive Secretary, CP of Michigan, April 27, 1952. In the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, seeking a temporary injunction against the enforcement and a declaratory judgement declaring same unconstitutional.

Attorneys for the complainant, CP of Michigan, were JOSEPH A. BROWN, from the Law Firm of Lewis Rowlette, Brown and Well, and ERNEST GOODMAN, from the Firm of Goodman, Crockett, Eden and Robb.

The complaint for injunction and declaratory judgement, page 1, paragraph 3, defines the CP as follows:

"The Communist Party of the State of Michigan, hereinafter called the Communist Party, is a voluntary, unincorporated political association composed of qualified voters and taxpayers of the State of Michigan, who, for many years, have been organized and have functioned as a political party in the State of Michigan; it has proposed, endorsed and endeavored to secure the election of candidates to public office based upon political platforms which, in the opinion of the members of the Communist Party, would enhance and secure the general social and economic welfare of the American people and provide the maximum protection for the civil rights and liberties of the people of the State of Michigan and the United States of America, regardless of race, creed, color, sex or national origin. The Communist Party, over a long period of years, has held political conventions, circulated petitions and nominated candidates for public office in the State of Michigan, and has appeared on the ballot as a recognized political party in Federal and State elections in the State of Michigan. It is the intention of the Communist Party to circulate petitions to hold a convention and to nominate candidates and to take such other steps as required by law to enable said party and its candidates to appear on the 1952 Federal and State election ballots in the State of Michigan."

In connection with the political activities of the CP of Michigan, the following affidavit of EDWARD W. FREY, Director of Elections, State of Michigan, was filed in these proceedings by the State of Michigan in an effort to repute the complainant's allegation that the CP of Michigan is a bona fide political party.

Mr. EDWARD FREY is in charge of all records of the Office of the Secretary of the State of Michigan pertaining to the elections held in this State from 1926 to date and prior thereto.

The affidavit files in the State of Michigan reads in part as follows:

"Such records disclose that the Communist Party of the State of Michigan has not since the General Fall Election of 1946 qualified or sought by petition or otherwise the (fol.33) right or privilege of having the name of such party or candidate or nominee thereof printed upon any ballot used in any primary or general election in this State; that in 1946 at the General Election held in the Fall of that year, the Communist candidate for office of Secretary of State received a total of 3,120 votes; and that at no time, from 1926 to 1946, did the Communist Party receive a sufficient number of votes cast for any candidate to entitle such party to have its name printed on the ballot at the election next ensuing."

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

Will continue to follow and report to the Detroit Office the proceedings of the trial of Subject.

THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will continue to follow and report activities of Subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] Detroit, June 12, 1952. b6 b7C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 11/10/53

FROM : SAC, Albany (100-12954)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Rebulet to Washington Field 6/8/53, captioned "House Committee on Un-American Activities."

Captioned individual was identified by JACK DAVIS, self-admitted Communist Party member from 1936 to 1948, during his testimony in open session before the HCUA at Albany, New York, on July 14, 1953, as a person whom DAVID met at one of the Communist Party "fraction" meetings attended by him between 1936 and 1940. DAVIS described ALBERTSON as an officer in the Waiter's Union Local 16, New York City. NICHOLAS CAMPAS, self-admitted Communist Party member, from 1935 to 1948, testified at the above-mentioned hearings on the same date that ALBERTSON attended Communist Party "fraction" meetings in New York City during 1937 and 1938. According to CAMPAS, the purpose of these meetings was to coordinate the work of Communist Party members within the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.

Inasmuch as this individual does not reside in the Albany division, no recommendation is being made . A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the New York and Pittsburgh Divisions and it is requested that Bureau files be checked and a copy of the letter be forwarded by the Bureau to any other interested office.

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Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III
Criminal Division

November 6, 1953

Director, FBI

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[illegible] made in connection with
[illegible] November 4, 1953, setting forth the travel petitions
[illegible] the Third Circuit Court of Appeals,
Philadelphia, by [illegible] et al defendants
[illegible] Smith Act cases.

Information has been received that on November 3, 1953, the Circuit Court of Appeals granted the petition of Clifton and William Albertson to return to Detroit. Albertson's petition asked him to travel to New York City and to remain in that city until November 15, 1953, when he must leave for Detroit where he is to remain until his appearance is required before the United States District Court in Pittsburgh. Albertson must advise the United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, of his exact time of departure, mode of travel, and place of temporary residence in New York City.

By the same order, the Circuit Court of Appeals granted the petition of Steve Nelson to travel to New York City and remain there from November [illegible], to November 11, 1953. As you will recall, Nelson indicated in his petition that the purpose of his contemplated travel to New York was to attend a [illegible] under a [illegible] subpoena.

In [illegible] reference to [illegible] documents [illegible] Nelson [illegible] Pittsburgh [illegible] Court [illegible] November [illegible], 1953, [illegible] for communication, [illegible] AFFECTED AGENCIES AND OTHER PERSONS ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) ON Declassified DATE 9-17-77 Initials

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For your further information, the Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, has advised the office of the United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, that the time for the filing of the defense appeal briefs has been extended to December 17, 1953, pursuant to a stipulation entered into by Defense Attorney Ralph Powe and the United States Attorney in Pittsburgh.

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U. S. Code (1946 Ed.) Section 11, and Title 18, U. S. Code (1948 Ed.) Section 371. Commissioner's warrants issued 8-17-51. CAREATHERS, DOLSEN and ONDA arrested at Pittsburgh, Pa., 8-17-51 by FBI Agents, taken before USC EDWARD SNODGRASS, JR., Pittsburgh, for hearing, bail set at $100,000 and they were then remanded to custody of USM, Pittsburgh, in lieu of bail. WEISSMAN arrested 8-17-51 by FBI Agents at New York City, afforded hearing before Judge EDWARD J. DIMOCK, SD of NY, bail set at $35,000 and WEISSMAN then remanded to custody in lieu of bail. On 8-30-51, USC ISAAC PLATT, SD of NY, ordered WEISSMAN removed to Pittsburgh. NELSON arrested by FBI Agents 8-17-51 at Philadelphia, Pa., afforded hearing before USC HENRY P. CARR, Philadelphia, bail set at $100,000 and NELSON then remanded to custody in lieu of bail. On 8-22-51 Judge WILLIAM H. KIRKPATRICK, Philadelphia, reduced NELSON's bail to $20,000 and on 9-13-51 USC CARR ordered NELSON removed to Pittsburgh. ALBERTSON arrested by FBI Agents 8-17-51 near Flat Rock, Mich., afforded hearing before Judge THEODORE LEVIN, USDC, ED of Mich., Detroit, on 8-20-51, bail set at $20,000 and on 9-4-51 Judge LEVIN ordered ALBERTSON removed to Pittsburgh. On 1-18-52 Grand Jury at Pittsburgh, Pa., returned indictment charging defendants with conspiracy to commit offenses against the U. S. prohibited by Section 2 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 U. S. Code (1946 Ed.) Section 10, and 18 U. S. Code (1948 Ed.) Section 2385, in violation of U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 11 (1946 Ed.), being Section 3 of the said Smith Act while said section of said act remained effective, and thereafter in violation of U. S. Code, Title 18, Section 371 (1948 Ed.). Indictment set out. Bench warrants issued. ALBERTSON released on $20,000 bail 10-3-51, posted by SAUL GROSSMAN, 1442 Griswald, Detroit, Mich. CAREATHERS released 10-16-51 on $20,000 bail posted by EVELYN ABELSON, Pittsburgh. DOLSEN released on $15,000 bail 11-30-51 posted by EVELYN ABELSON, Pittsburgh. NELSON released 9-14-51 on $20,000 bail posted by JACOB S. ZUCKER, 1831 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. ONDA released 9-28-51 on $20,000 bail posted by TERESA ONDA, Pittsburgh. WEISSMAN released 9-19-51 on $20,000 bail posted by FREDA WEISSMAN, New York City. Defendants arraigned 5-27-52 before Judge WILLIAM ALVAH STEWART, USDC, Pittsburgh, and all entered pleas of not guilty. On 10-14-52 ONDA severed from trial due to illness. Trial began 2-24-53 in USDC, Pittsburgh, Judge RABE F. MARSH presiding. Motion to strike trial jury panel denied 3-2-53. Selection of jury commenced 3-2-53 and completed 3-6-53; opening statement to jury given by then USA

BOYLE 3-10-53, and by Defense Attorney RALPH POWE and NELSON on 3-11-53. Government began presentation of case 3-12-53 and rested 4-16-53, after presenting seven witnesses. Defense presented its case from 5-19-53 to 8-4-53, calling five witnesses. On 5-25-53 defendant WEISSMAN adjudged guilty on two counts of contempt of court for refusal to answer questions on cross-examination and on one count of contempt for improperly addressing USA BOYLE. On 7-20-53 defendant WEISSMAN again adjudged guilty of contempt of court for refusal to answer question on cross-examination. On 8-20-53 WEISSMAN sentenced by Judge RABE F. MARSH under Title 18, Section 401, U. S. Code, to imprisonment for 60 days on each of four counts of contempt, sentences to run concurrently. On 7-29-53 defendant WILLIAM ALBERTSON twice adjudged in contempt of court for refusal to answer questions on cross examination. On 8-20-53, ALBERTSON sentenced by Judge MARSH under Title 18, Section 401, U. S. Code, to imprisonment for 60 days on each count of contempt, sentences to run concurrently. Defense rested its case 8-4-53. A motion for mis-trial, motion to dismiss the indictment, motion for acquittal and a motion for court to instruct jury on issue of clear and present danger filed by defendants on 8-7-53. These motions were subsequently denied by Judge MARSH. Summations to jury began 8-12-53 and completed 8-17-53. Judge MARSH charged jury on 8-18-53 and defendants filed objection to charge. Jury retired for deliberation 3:55 P.M., 8-18-53, and on 8-20-53 at 11:32 A.M., Jury returned verdict of guilty as to each defendant. On 8-20-53, defendants filed motions for an arrest of judgment, for a new trial, and for hearing on issue of clear and present danger as supplemental for motions for new trial and arrest of judgment; motion for arrest of judgment denied by Judge MARSH, 8-20-53, and other motions denied 8-25-53. On 8-25-53, Judge MARSH sentenced all defendants to serve 5 years in a penitentiary type institution. No fine or costs imposed. After sentence, on motion of then SAAG BOYLE, Judge MARSH increased bail for defendants ALBERTSON, NELSON, and WEISSMAN from $20,000 to $40,000 each. Bail for defendant DOLSEN was increased from $15,000 to $30,000. Bail for CAREATHERS not increased. Notice of Appeal filed by ALBERTSON, NELSON, DOLSEN and WEISSMAN on 8-28-53 and by CAREATHERS on 8-31-53. On 9-3-53, Judge MARSH denied defendants petition for Reduction of Bail. Subsequently on 9-18-53, U. S. Court of Appeals for Third Circuit, Philadelphia, reduced bail for defendants ALBERTSON, NELSON and WEISSMAN from $40,000 to $25,000 each; and for defendant DOLSEN from $30,000 to $15,000; reduction of bail for defendant CAREATHERS was denied.

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COMPLAINT

On August 17, 1951, a complaint authorized by United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE, Pittsburgh, was filed by SA [redacted] before United States Commissioner EDWARD SNODGRASS, JR., Pittsburgh, charging STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka: STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, and IRVING WEISSMAN with violation of Section 3 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, Title 18, United States Code (1946 Ed.) Section 11 and Title 18, United States Code (1948 Ed.) Section 371.

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The body of the complaint set out that from on or about April 1, 1945, and continuously thereafter up to and including the date of the filing of the complaint in the Western District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka: STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, and IRVING WEISSMAN, the defendants therein, unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly did conspire with each other and with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, JOHN B. WILLIAMSON, JACOB STACHEL, ROBERT G. THOMPSON, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., HENRY WINSTON, JOHN GATES, IRVING POTASH, GILBERT GREEN, CARL WINTER, and GUS HALL, co-conspirators but not defendants therein, and with divers other persons to commit offenses against the United States prohibited by Section 2 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 United States Code (1948 Ed.) 2585, by so conspiring unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly to advocate and teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence, and unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly to organize and help to organize as the Communist Party of the United States of America a society, group and assembly of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence, and in pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Western District of Pennsylvania, on or about March 9, 1949, STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka: STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants therein, did attend and participate in a meeting. In pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Western District of Pennsylvania, during the month of December, 1948, IRVING WEISSMAN, one of the defendants therein, did attend and participate in a meeting.

On the same date commissioner's warrants were issued for each of the defendants, charging each with conspiracy to violate Section 2 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 United States Code (1946 Ed.) Section 10 18 United States Code (1948 Ed.) and Title 18, Section 371 (1948 Ed.).

ARRESTS

Pursuant to the commissioner's warrants issued, CAREATHERS, DOLSEN, and ONDA were arrested on August 17, 1951, at Pittsburgh, Pa., by Bureau Agents. They were taken before EDWARD SNODGRASS, JR., United States Commissioner, Western District of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh; bond was set at $100,000; a hearing was scheduled for August 24, 1951; and they were remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal, Pittsburgh, in lieu of bail.

WEISSMAN was arrested at 5:15 P.M., August 17, 1951, by Bureau Agents in the reading room of the New York Public Library, New York City.

WEISSMAN was taken before Judge EDWARD J. DIMOCK, Southern District of New York, at which time United States Attorney JOHN M. FOLEY, Southern District of New York, advised Judge DIMOCK that the United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, recommended $100,000 bond for WEISSMAN, returnable forthwith at Pittsburgh. Judge DIMOCK set bail at $35,000, scheduled a removal hearing for WEISSMAN for August 27, 1951, and remanded him to the Federal House of Detention, New York City, in lieu of bail. Following a removal hearing on August 30, 1951, before United States Commissioner ISAAC PLATT, Southern District of New York, and other preliminary proceedings in Southern District of New York, WEISSMAN was removed from New York on September 6, 1951, and delivered to the United States Marshal, Pittsburgh, on September 7, 1951.

NELSON was arrested by Bureau Agents at 5:35 P.M., August 17, 1951, at 2313 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. At a hearing before United States Commissioner HENRY P. CARR, Philadelphia, Pa., on the same date, bail was set at $100,000 on request of United States Attorney THOMAS CURTIN, who represented the Government at this hearing. On August 22, 1951, bail was reduced to $20,000 by Judge WILLIAM H. KIRKPATRICK, United States District Court, Philadelphia. NELSON was released August 23, 1951, following the posting of bail and subsequently on September 13, 1951, United States Commissioner HENRY P. CARR ordered NELSON removed to Pittsburgh to stand trial.

ALBERTSON was arrested at 4:16 P.M., August 17, 1951, by Bureau Agents near Flat Rock, Michigan. He was

taken before Judge THEODORE LEVIN, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan, on August 20, 1951; bail was set at $20,000; a preliminary removal hearing was scheduled for August 30, 1951; and ALBERTSON was returned to custody of the United States Marshal, Detroit, in lieu of bail. ALBERTSON posted bond on August 24, 1951, and was released. Subsequently, at a hearing before Judge LEVIN on September 4, 1951, ALBERTSON was ordered removed to Pittsburgh, Pa., to stand trial. On October 3, 1951, at a hearing before Judge LEVIN, the date of ALBERTSON's appearance in United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, was set for 10:00 A.M., October 5, 1951. His bond of $20,000 was continued and ordered returnable at Pittsburgh.

INDICTMENT

On August 23, 1951, a Federal Grand Jury convened at Pittsburgh, Pa., and returned an indictment in the case of United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka: Steve Nelson; et al, Criminal Action #13436, charging the defendants with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act.

Subsequently, on January 18, 1952, a Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh returned a modified indictment against all the defendants in Criminal Action #13531 which indictment reads as follows:

"The Grand Jury Charges:

"1. From on or about April 1, 1945, and continously thereafter up to and including the date of the filing of this indictment, in the Western District of Pennsylvania, in the State of West Virginia, and in the State of New York, and in other places to this grand jury unknown, STEPHEN MESAROSH, also known as STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA and IRVING WEISSMAN, the defendants herein, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, did conspire with each other and with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, JOHN B. WILLIAMSON, JACOB STACHEL, ROBERT G. THOMPSON, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., HENRY WINSTON, JOHN GATES, IRVING POTASH, GILBERT GREEN, CARL WINTER, GUS HALL, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, PETTIS PERRY, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, BETTY GANNETT and ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON, co-conspirators but not defendants herein, and with divers other persons to the grand jury unknown, to commit offenses against the United States prohibited by Section 2 of the Smith Act, (54 Stat. 671), 18 United States Code (1946 Ed.) Section 10 and 18 United States Code (1948 Ed.) Section 2385, in violation of United States Code, Title 18, Section 11 (1946 Ed.), being Section 3 of the said Smith Act while said section of said act remained effective, and thereafter in violation of United States Code, Title 18, Section 371 (1948 Ed.), by (1) unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly advocating and teaching the duty and

necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence, with the intent of causing the afore-said overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances would permit; and by (2) unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly organizing, and helping to organize, as the Communist Party of the United States of America a society, group, and assembly of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence, with the intent of causing the aforesaid overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence asspeedily as circumstances would permit;

"2. It was part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would become members, officers, and functionaries of said Communist Party, knowing the purposes of said Communist Party, and in such capacities, would assume leadership in said Communist Party and responsibility for carrying out its policies and activities, up to and including the date of the filing of this indictment;

"3. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would cause to be organized groups, clubs, sections, and district, state and national units of said party in the State of Pennsylvania, in the State of New York, in the State of West Virginia, and other places to the grand jury unknown, and would recruit, and encourage recruitment of members to said party, concentrating on recruiting persons employed in key basic industries and plants;

"4. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would publish and circulate and cause to be published and circulated books, articles, magazines, and newspapers teaching and advocating the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances would permit;

"5. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would write and cause to be written articles and directives in publications of the Communist Party of the United States of America, including, but not limited to, "Political Affairs", "Daily Worker", and the "Worker", teaching and advocating the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances would permit;

"6. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would conduct, and cause to be conducted schools and classes for indoctrination of recruits and members of said Communist Party in the principles of Marxism-Leninism in which would be taught and advocated the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence as speedily as circumstances permit;

"7. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspirators would agree upon and carry into effect, detailed plans for the vital parts of the Communist Party of the United States of America to go underground, in the event of emergency, and from said underground position to continue in all respects the conspiracy described in paragraph '1' of this indictment;

"8. It was further a part of said conspiracy that said defendants and co-conspiractors would use members and false names, would fail to keep records and would adopt other secretive practices in order to conceal the existence and operations of said conspiracy; and

"In pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, the defendants and co-conspirators did commit, among others, the following

OVERT ACTS

"1. On or about October 23, 1948, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES

HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"2. On or about December 5, 1948, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and IRVING WEISSMAN, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting held at 401 Jacobs Street, Charleston, W. Va.

"3. On or about December 8, 1948, IRVING WEISSMAN, a defendant herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"4. In and about January, 1948, IRVING WEISSMAN, a defendant herein, did arrange and participate in a conference at Charleston, West Virginia.

"5. On or about January 15, 1949, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at Carnegie Free Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"6. On or about February 6, 1949, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at Carnegie Free Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"7. On or about March 1, 1949, WILLIAM ALBERTSON a defendant herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"8. On or about March 9, 1949, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"9. In and about the month of April, 1949, IRVING WEISSMAN, a defendant herein, did attend and participate in a conference at Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East Twelfth Street, New York, New York.

"10. On or about April 2, 1949, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at Carnegie Free Library, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"11. On or about April 29, 1949, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS and JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 1546 East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"12. On or about July 28, 1949, STEVE NELSON and BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"13. On or about September 8, 1949, STEVE NELSON, a defendant herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"14. On or about September 25, 1949, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"15. On or about November 12, 1949, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH CNDA, defendants herein, did attend and participate in a meeting at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

"16. On or about January 14, 1950, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN and ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, defendants herein,

did attend and participate in a meeting at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Tenth Street and Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania."

Following the indictment, on motion of then United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE, Judge STEWART directed that bench warrants be issued for the six defendants.

On August 5, 1952, on motion of United States Attorney BOYLE, Judge STEWART approved the entry of a nolle prosequi in connection with the indictment returned at Criminal Action #13436.

BAIL AND SURETIES

At a hearing before Judge STEWART, August 24, 1951, bond was set at $20,000 for each of the defendants.

On October 3, 1951, defendant ALBERTSON appeared before JOHN J. GINTHER, Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan at Detroit, and was released on $20,000 bail posted by SAUL GROSSMAN, 1442 Griswald, Detroit 26, Michigan. A removal bond returnable Pittsburgh, was executed by ALBERTSON with GROSS as surety. Judge THEODORE LEVIN, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, signed an order on October 4, 1951, transferring ALBERTSON's bond to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Defendant CAREATHERS was released on October 16, 1951, on $20,000 bail posted by EVELYN ABELSON, 6612 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., as surety.

By order dated November 30, 1951, Judge STEWART, United States District Court, Pittsburgh, reduced defendant DOLSEN's bail to $15,000 and on the same date, DOLSEN was released on $15,000 bail posted by EVELYN ABELSON, 6612 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., as surety.

On September 14, 1951, defendant NELSON was released on $20,000 bail posted with Clerk, United States District Court, Philadelphia, by JACOB S. ZUCKER, 1831 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, as surety. On the same date THOMAS J. CLARY, United States District Judge, Philadelphia, signed an order transferring NELSON's bond to the Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On September 28, 1951, defendant ONDA was released on $20,000 bail posted by TERESA ONDA, wife, as surety.

Defendant WEISSMAN was released September 19, 1951, on $20,000 bail posted with the Clerk, United States District Court, Pittsburgh, by FREDA WEISSMAN, 29 East Mosholu Parkway, Bronx, New York, as surety.

The United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, refused to accept the bond posted by defendant's wife and the bond was accepted by United States District Court Judge RABE F. MARSH.

Following return of the modified indictment by the Grand Jury on January 18, 1952, at Criminal Action #13531, all of the defendants executed new court appearance bonds with the same sureties as listed on the original bonds.

Judge MARSH, following sentencing of defendants on August 25, 1953, on motion of then Special Assistant to the Attorney General BOYLE, increased bail for defendants ALBERTSON, CAREATHERS, NELSON and WEISSMAN from $20,000 to $40,000. Bail for defendant DOLSEN was increased from $15,000 to $30,000. A petition for reduction of bail filed by all defendants on August 28, 1953 was denied by Judge MARSH by memorandum opinion and order dated September 3, 1953.

An appeal from Judge MARSH's order of September 3, 1953 denying reduction of bail was argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., on September 17, 1953. On September 18, 1953 the United States Court of Appeals reduced bail for defendants ALBERTSON, NELSON and WEISSMAN to $25,000 each and reduced bail for defendant DOLSEN to $20,000. Defendant CAREATHERS was denied a reduction of bail by the United States Court of Appeals.

On September 21, 1953, defendants DOLSEN and NELSON obtained permission from Judge MARSH to withdraw the bail money previously posted for defendant ALBERTSON. Subsequently, on September 22, 1953 JACK ZUCKER, 1831 Chestnut Street, appeared before the Clerk, United States District Court, Pittsburgh and posted an additional $5,000 for DOLSEN and NELSON. At this time new appearance bonds were executed by these defendants with ZUCKER as surety and DOLSEN and NELSON were released from custody.

ARRAIGNMENT

On arraignment before Judge WILLIAM ALVAH STEWART in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 5, 1951, all defendants entered pleas of not guilty to the charges contained in the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury August 23, 1951, in Criminal Action #13436.

Following return of the modified indictment by the Grand Jury on January 18, 1952, in Criminal Action #13531, defendants appeared before Judge STEWART for arraignment on May 27, 1952 and all entered pleas of not guilty.

COUNSEL OF RECORD

The Government was represented in this case by United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE, Pittsburgh; Assistant United States Attorney IRWIN SWISS, Pittsburgh; and Department Attorneys WILLIAM B. HUNDLEY and RICHARD ALFRIEND, Washington, D. C. JOHN W. McILVAINE replaced Mr. BOYLE as United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, on July 24, 1953; however, Mr. BOYLE continued to represent the Government in this case as Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

On August 21, 1951, JOHN T. McTERNAN, California; BASIL POLLITT, New York; and HYMEN SCHLESINGER, Pittsburgh, acted as attorneys for defendants CAREATHERS, DOLSEN, and ONDA for the special purpose of filing a petition for writ of habeas corpus, the purpose of which was to obtain a reduction of bail for these defendants. These attorneys also presented arguments on this petition on August 24, 1951.

HORACE MELDAHL, Post Office Box #1, Charleston, W. Va., entered appearance as counsel for defendant WEISSMAN on October 5, 1951.

On October 5, 1951, RALPH POWE, listing address as c/o HYMEN SCHLESINGER, 1415 Clark Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., entered appearance as counsel for defendant ONDA.

On October 5, 1951 HYMEN SCHLESINGER, Pittsburgh Attorney, informed Judge STEWART that he would act as associate defense counsel of record for certain preliminary proceedings. SCHLESINGER also agreed to act as associate counsel of record for the purpose of accepting service for any of the defendants and for any defense counsel later selected.

On October 14, 1952, RALPH POWE entered appearance as counsel for defendants ALBERTSON and DOLSEN and on the same date BERTRAM EDISES of Oakland, California, entered appearance as counsel for defendants NELSON, WEISSMAN and CAREATHERS. EDISES advised the court at this time that he would serve as counsel for these defendants on condition the court would grant defendants NELSON and CAREATHERS permission to make opening and closing statements to the jury. This condition was granted by Judge STEWART.

On October 14, 1952, Judge STEWART grant HORACE MELDAHL leave to withdraw as counsel for defendant WEISSMAN.

On June 16, 1953, REUBEN TERRIS, 150 Nassau Street, New York, New York, entered appearance as counsel for defendants CAREATHERS, NELSON, and WEISSMAN replacing BERTRAM EDISES who was forced to withdraw as defense counsel due to illness.

On July 16, 1953, ROYAL W. FRANCE, New York attorney, obtained permission from Judge RABE F. MARSH to represent all defendants for the purpose of presenting and arguing a motion for mistrial and for a continuance until Government created prejudice against the defendants had abated.

SEVERANCES

On October 14, 1952, on motion of Defense Counsel, defendant ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA was severed from the trial by Judge STEWART. The severance was based on the findings of ONDA's personal physician and a court appointed physician that ONDA was suffering from a heart ailment and unable to stand trial. After severing ONDA, Judge STEWART instructed United States Attorney BOYLE to periodically check on ONDA's condition to determine if ONDA was able to stand trial.

PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS

Subsequent to the return of the original indictment against the defendants on August 23, 1951, at Criminal Action #13436, numerous pre-trial motions were filed by the defendants. On March 25, 1952, Judge WILLIAM ALVAH STEWART entered an order denying all pre-trial motions, noting that since it was apparent the Government did not intend to proceed under Indictment #13436 but instead would proceed under Indictment #13531, the motions filed were moot. The defendants were granted leave to file similar motions with respect to the new indictment.

During the period from January 18, 1952, the date of the return of the modified indictment at Criminal Action #13531, until the commencement of the selection of the trial jury on March 2, 1953, the following pre-trial motions and orders were filed:

On March 19, 1952, Judge STEWART denied a motion for reduction of bail filed by defendant ONDA on August 27, 1951.

On March 24, 1952, on motion of defendants, an order was entered by Judge STEWART directing the Clerk of the Court to make records of jurors in the Clerk's Office available to the defendants for inspection.

On May 27, 1952, defendant ALBERTSON filed a motion for reconsideration of reduction of bond.

On June 5, 1952, counsel for defendant WEISSMAN filed motions to dismiss the prosecution and void the indictment, for a bill of particulars, for disclosure and inspection; a second motion for disclosure; a third motion for disclosure and also for suppression of certain evidence; a motion for separation of WEISSMAN from the other defendants; for a change of venue; for leave to examine grand jury records, proceedings, court changes and all matters pertaining to the filing of the indictment in this action; to dismiss the indictment; and a motion to approve interrogatories and to permit individual questionnaires to jurors on voir dire.

Defendant ONDA filed a motion on June 6, 1952, for extension of time to make pre-trial motions. A fifteen-day extension was granted by Judge STEWART on the same day.

On June 24, 1952, Judge STEWART granted further extension of time for filing preliminary motions.

On June 24, 1952, defendant ONDA filed motions to dismiss the indictment; requesting severance from other defendants; to suppress evidence obtained by wiretapping and other illegal mehtods; and for a bill of particulars. On the same date, defendants DOLSEN and NELSON filed motions to dismiss the indictment and defendant CaREATHERS filed a motion for severance from other defendants. A motion by defendant ONDA on July 24, 1952, for extension of time to argue pretrial motions to sixty days from August 4, 1952, was denied by Judgd STEWART on August 1, 1952.

On August 18, 1952, a hearing was had on defendants motions to dismiss the indictment.

On October 7, 1952, defendant ONDA filed a motion for severance and continuance of trial based on the allegation that his physical condition by reason of a heart ailment or disease was such that a trial would be seriously detrimental to his health and would endanger his life. On the same date Judge STEWART ordered defendant ONDA to submit himself for examination to Dr. HARRY ELLIS CANTER for the purpose of undergroing a physical examination, the results of this examination to be reported to the court.

On October 10, 1952, Judge STEWART issued an opinion and order denying all pre-trial motions previously filed in this case with the exception of the motion pertaining to a severance of defendant ONDA and ordered all parties to report to court on October 14, 1952, to begin the selection of a jury.

On October 10, 1952, United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE was served with a subpoena requiring production of all documents and objects to be used by the Government in the prosecution of this case.

On October 14, 1952, Judge STEWART entered an order staying the execution of this subpoena and further directing the defendants to show cause why the subpoena should not be set aside and quashed. A hearing was had on Government's motion to quash the subpoena on October 14, 1952, and the subpoena was subsequently quashed by Judge STEWART.

On October 14, 1952, an order was entered by Judge STEWART granting the motion of defendant ONDA for a severance from the trial and a continuance with respect to him.

On October 14, 1952, on motion of defense counsel, Judge STEWART granted a continuance until November 5, 1952.

On October 20, 1952, Judge STEWART ordered the clerk and jury commissioner to make available to the defendants and their counsel the original juror questionnaires and other records pertaining to the selection of jurors.

Defendants filed a motion on November 5, 1952, to transfer the proceedings to another district because of prejudice within the district or in the alternative to continue the proceeding until such prejudice has abated. This motion was denied by Judge STEWART on November 6, 1952.

On November 5, 1952, defendants filed a motion to strike the trial jury panel and challenge to the array; a hearing was had on this motion on November 5, 6, and 10, 1952, and on November 10, 1952, Judge STEWART denied the motion.

On November 13, 1952, defendants filed a petition to proceed in forma pauperis and on November 14, 1952 an order was entered by Judge STEWART authorizing and permitting defendants to conduct their defense in forma pauperis and further ordering that the defendants be permitted to obtain a stenographic daily transcript of all proceedings in the case commencing with the voir dire questioning of the trial jury and all proceedings thereafter until further order of the court.

On November 18, 1952, the Government filed a petition to vacate the order allowing defendants to conduct their defense in forma pauperis, and on November 19, 1952 defendants filed a memorandum in opposition to Government's petition to vacate.

On November 20, 1952 Judge STEWART announced that it was necessary for him to undergo surgery and, therefore, that he was withdrawing from the trial. He continued the trial

TRIAL

The trial of the five defendants began on February 24, 1953 with Judge RABE F. MARSH presiding. On this date defense Attorney EDISES raised the question of the physical condition of defendant CAREATHERS, producing results of an examination of CAREATHERS by Dr. JACOB AUSLANDER, New York City, indicating a growth on CAREATHERS' lung. Judge MARSH directed CAREATHERS to submit to examination by a court appointed physician, the trial to continue meanwhile with consideration of preliminary matters.

On February 26, 1953 defendants renewed all motions previously made in this action, including motions to transfer the proceedings to another district because of prejudice in this district; to dismiss the indictments as to defendants DOLSEN and NELSON on grounds of double jeopardy, since NELSON and DOLSEN were previously sentenced for Sedition in Pennsylvania State Court; and to sever defendants CAREATHERS, WEISSMAN and ALBERTSON from the trial of defendants NELSON and DOLSEN. On this date also a hearing was had on defendants' motion to strike the trial jury panel on the grounds that negroes and manual workers were not properly represented on the panel.

On March 2, 1953, Judge MARSH denied the motion to strike the trial jury panel and also denied all other motions previously filed by the defendants. The defendants were granted twenty-five peremptory challenges to be exercised jointly, and the Government was allowed six peremptory challenges.

The selection of the trial jury began on March 2, 1953, and was completed on March 6, 1953 with the seating of twelve trial jurors and four alternate jurors.

On March 6, 1953, Judge MARSH ruled that defendants NELSON and CAREATHERS would be allowed to make opening and closing statements to the jury, in addition to the opening and closing statements by defense counsel.

United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE delivered the Government's opening statement to the jury on March 10, 1953, and opening statements were made by defense Attorney RALPH POWE and defendant STEVE NELSON on March 11, 1953.

until such time as a new judge was assigned to the case and until further order of the Court.

On December 1, 1952, Chief Judge WALLACE S. GOURLEY issued an order continuing the case generally until such time as a new judge was assigned to the case.

On December 16, 1952, Chief Judge GOURLEY assigned the case to Judge RABE F. MARSH, JR., and directed that the trial resume on February 2, 1953. The trial was continued by Judge MARSH by order dated January 21, 1953 until February 16, 1953, and subsequently continued until February 24, 1953.

On February 26, 1953, upon motion of Defense Counsel, Judge MARSH entered an order authorizing defendants to conduct their defense in forma pauperis, subject to later decision to be rendered on motion of Government to vacate this order. The Government motion to vacate the order was subsequently denied by Judge MARSH.

The Government began presentation of its case on March 12, 1953 and rested on April 16, 1953, after calling seven witnesses.

The following Government witnesses testified in the order set out below:

JOHN LAUTNER, JR., New York City, New York.

MATTHEW CVETIC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DEWEY CLYDE PRICE, Charleston, West Virginia.

JOSEPH MAZZEI, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MARY MAZZEI, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN LAUTNER, JR. (Recalled).

WILLIAM ODELL NOWELL, Detroit, Michigan.

SYLVIA HILL, Oakland, California.

On March 12, 1953, the Government began direct examination of JOHN LAUTNER, JR. On the same date, Judge MARSH ruled that the Government must show the "combination of defendants with the conspiracy before Third Party declarations pertaining to the conspiracy would be admitted in evidence." Following denial of a Government motion to vacate this ruling and to allow the Government to proceed with the order of proof, as originally planned, the Government on March 16, 1953, was permitted to remove witness LAUTNER temporarily and put on a witness who could place the defendants in the conspiracy during the pertinent three-year period.

On March 24, 1953, defense Attorney EDISES made an oral motion for an order directing the Government to produce the written reports furnished by witness CVETIC to the FBI. United States Attorney BOYLE opposed this motion and filed a written "memorandum in opposition to motion for production of confidential records of the FBI." The motion was denied by Judge MARSH.

A motion for a mistrial was made by defense Attorney EDISES on April 13, 1953, following the testimony of witness NOWELL pertaining to defendant NELSON's attendance at the Lenin School in Moscow on grounds that this testimony was too remote in time, had no probative value, and was highly prejudicial to the other defendants. Judge MARSH denied the motion for mistrial but ruled that evidence regarding the Lenin School was admissible only as to defendant NELSON.

On May 5 and 6, 1953, a hearing was had on defendant's motion to strike portions of the testimony and for a judgment of acquittal. These motions were denied by Judge MARSH on May 14, 1953.

A motion to sever defendant CAREATHERS from the trial by reason of illness was denied by Judge MARSH on May 14, 1953. This ruling was made by Judge MARSH following a hearing which disclosed that CAREATHERS was suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, but able to stand trial.

On May 25, 1953, an order was entered by Judge MARSH on petition of defendant DOLSEN directing the issurance of a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and that upon the service of said writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Prisoner Number 8454, confined at Terre Haute, Indiana, be transferred to the jurisdiction of this court for all purposes in connection with his testimony as a witness for the petitioner.

The defense began presentation of its case on May 19, 1953, with opening statements by defense Attorney EDISES and defendant CAREATHERS. The following defense witnesses were called in the order listed:

Defendant IRVING WEISSMAN, New York City.

Defendant WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Detroit, Michigan.

GEORGE SEIBEL, Director, Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RALPH MUNN, Director, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., Federal Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana.

On May 25, 1953, while on cross examination, defendant WEISSMAN was asked to identify the individual in whose home the 1950 West Virginia Communist Party convention was held. WEISSMAN refused to answer this question and was adjudged in contempt by Judge MARSH, sentence to be deferred until further order of court. Again, on the same date, WEISSMAN was asked to name those individuals to whom he had distributed copies of a pamphlet previously entered in evidence as a defense exhibit. WEISSMAN was again adjudged in contempt by Judge MARSH for refusal to answer this question. Again on May 25, 1953 WEISSMAN was adjudged in contempt of court for using contemptuous language in characterizing United States Attorney BOYLE as a morally depraved individual.

On July 20, 1953, while on cross-examination, defendant WEISSMAN was again adjudged in contempt by Judge MARSH for refusal to identify the individual in whose name the Communist Party Post Office Box, Charleston, W. Va., was held during the period WEISSMAN was Communist Party Organizer in West Virginia. Sentence was deferred until further order of court.

On May 27, 1953, defense Attorney BERTRAM EDISES withdrew from the trial as defense counsel because of illness.

Defendants, on July 9, 1953, filed a motion for mistrial and to continue this action until Government-created prejudices against the defendants had abated. A hearing was had on this motion on July 16, 1953 and the motion was denied by Judge MARSH.

During cross-examination of defendant WILLIAM ALBERTSON by Special Assistant to the Attorney General EDWARD C. BOYLE on July 29, 1953, ALBERTSON refused to answer a question concerning the identity of the members of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, whom he had previously testified had elected him to the position of Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania in 1947. After a warning by Judge MARSH that refusal to answer this question would result in a contempt citation, ALBERTSON again refused to answer the question and he was adjudged in willful and deliberate contempt of court. Thereafter, on the same date, ALBERTSON refused to further identify an individual named "NICK" listed by him in a written report pertaining to the 1948 Communist Party Convention of

Western Pennsylvania. ALBERTSON was again adjudged in contempt of court for refusal to answer this question. Sentence on both counts of contempt was deferred until further order of court.

The defense rested their case on August 4, 1953, at the conclusion of testimony by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

On August 7, 1953, the defendants filed a motion for the court to instruct the jury on the issue of clear and present danger, or in the alternative to hold a hearing on this issue, a motion for mis-trial, a motion to dismiss the indictment, and a motion for judgment of acquittal. On the same date the cou reserved decision on the motion for judgment of acquittal and denied the other three motions.

Summations to the jury were given by defense Attorneys TERRIS and POWE on August 12, 1953. Defendants NELSON and CAREATHERS gave summations to the jury on August 14, 1953.

Special Assistant to the Attorney General BOYLE delivered the Government's closing statement to the jury on August 17, 1953.

Following the closing statement by Mr. BOYLE, defense Attorney TERRIS made an oral motion for mis-trial on the grounds that BOYLE's remarks were highly inflammatory and prejudicial to the defendants.

On August 18, 1953, Judge MARSH charged the jury. In his charge Judge MARSH noted that he was taking judicial notice that a clear and present danger existed and instructed the jury not to concerniitself with this issue. The defendants filed their objections to the court's charge.

The jury retired for deliberation at 3:55 P.M., August 18, 1953. At 11:32 A.M., August 20, 1953, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment as to each defendant.

Immediately following the return of the verdict, defendants filed a motion for arrest of judgment, for a new trial, and for a hearing on the issue of clear and present danger as supplemental to motions for new trial and arrest

of judgment. The motion for arrest of judgment was denied by Judge MARSH and subsequently on August 25, 1953, following a hearing, the motion for a new trial, motion for judgment of acquittal and motion for a hearing on the issue of clear and present danger, were denied by Judge MARSH.

On August 20, 1953, following the return of the verdict, defendant IVRING WEISSMAN was sentenced by Judge MARSH under Title 18, United States Code, Section 401, to serve sixty days in a jail type institution on each of four counts of contempt of court, sentences to run concurrently.

On the same date, defendant WILLIAM ALBERTSON was sentenced by Judge MARSH under Title 18, United States Code, Section 401, to serve sixty days in a jail type institution on each of two counts of contempt of court, sentences to run concurrently.

On August 25, 1953, the defendants appeared before Judge MARSH and the following sentences were imposed:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON - Five years, no fine or costs.

BENJAMIN L. CAREATHERS - Five years, no fine or costs.

JAMES H. DOLSEN - Five years, no fine or costs

STEVE NELSON - Five years, no fine or costs.

IRVING WEISSMAN - Five years, no fine or costs.

In sentencing defendant CAREATHERS, Judge MARSH stated that it was the sentence of the court that said defendant be imprisoned for a period of five years in a penitentiary type institution. The court recommended that the Attorney General select an institution which was adequately equipped to carefor and treat tubercular inmates. It was directed that the Clerk of Court submit to the medical authorities

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION - INFORMATION

Copies of this report are being designated for the New York files on defendants NELSON, ALBERTSON and ONDA for information since NELSON is an official of the Communist Party - United States of America, in which case New York is office of origin, since the New York Office has received previous prosecutive reports in the NELSON and ALBERTSON cases, and since defendant ONDA is presently residing in the New York territory.

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You are instructed to expedite the investigative and parole reports reflecting the convictions of Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants Steve Nelson, Benjamin Careathers, Irving Weissman, James Dolsen and William Albertson.

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DATE: December 31, 1953

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On December 21, 1953 [redacted] neighborhood contact who resides at [redacted] Detroit, and whose identity should be protected, advised that the Subject receives an air mail letter each day with the return address of PERLICK, 715 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. b6 b7C b7D

It is noted that ALBERTSON is presently residing at 3000 Clairmount, the residence of SAUL WELLMAN who is presently on trial in Detroit for violation of the Smith Act.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA OF 40. USA JOHN W. MC ILVAINE, WDPA, ADVISED JANUARY 4, 1954, THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM AUSA [redacted] EDPA, TO EFFECT ATTORNEY RALPH POWE, REPRESENTING WILLIAM ALBERTSON, APPEARED BEFORE U.S. THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 4, 1954, FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR ALBERTSON TO TRAVEL FROM JANUARY 23 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1954. ACCORDING TO MC ILVAINE, POWE INDICATED TO THE COURT THAT ALBERTSON WOULD SPEND FIVE DAYS IN PITTSBURGH, PA., IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN COUNSEL, AND THEN PROCEED TO NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE WOULD RESIDE AT THE HOME OF IRVING WEISSMAN, 1205 COLLEGE AVENUE, NEW YORK.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON. IS-C; SA 1940. RE PITTSBURGH AIR TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED 1/4/54. ON 1/8/54, MRS. HUMPHRIES, CLERK, U. S. THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT, NOW IN DETROIT, HAS BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION OF THE COURT TO TRAVEL TO PITTSBURGH, PA., AND NEW YORK CITY FROM 1/23/54 TO 1/31/54. THE ORDER STIPULATES THAT HE IS NOT TO SEEK OR ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT IN EITHER CITY; THAT HE IS GRANTED THIS PERMIT TO CONSULT COUNSEL AND PREPARE FOR HIS DEFENSE; AND, THAT PRIOR TO LEAVING DETROIT, SUBJECT IS TO NOTIFY THE USA IN PITTSBURGH AS TO WHERE HE WILL RESIDE WHILE IN PITTSBURGH AND NEW YORK CITY.

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Subject currently residing at 3000 Clairmount, Detroit, Mich.. Informants advised that subject received $554.97 from National Headquarters, CP-USA, from 1-1-52, through 3-31-52; attended testimonial dinner in behalf of ROCKWELL KENT, IWO President, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on 11-16-52; attended several meetings sponsored by Pittsburgh Chapter of CRC at Pittsburgh in 1951-53, and was in contact on numerous occasions when in Pittsburgh with leaders of CRC; attended banquet sponsored by LYL in behalf of Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants at Pittsburgh, on 11-7-52; and attended a meeting of the Progressive Party of Western Pa., at Pittsburgh on 8-6-52. During 1952-53, subject was indicted, tried, and convicted for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940, and is currently free on $25,000 bond, after completion of 60 contempt sentence, pending appeal of case to U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa. Filing of appeal briefs with Circuit Court of Appeals by subject and co-defendants in Pittsburgh Smith Act trial postponed until 3-1-54.

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DETAILS:

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise designated.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOHN W. McILVAINE, United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised on November 18, 1953, that he was in receipt of a letter from the subject dated November 17, 1953, which stated that the subject had moved from 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan, to 3000 Clermont, Detroit 6, Michigan.

Detroit Office advised by letter dated December 31, 1953, that the subject was residing at 3000 Clairmount, Detroit, Michigan, which is the residence of SAUL WELLMAN who is currently on trial in Detroit for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA

It is noted that the Communist Party-USA, hereinafter referred to as the CP, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A. History of Activity in, Attendance at Meetings of, and Positions Held in the CP - USA

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1-1-52 through 3-31-52 — T-1 advised that between January 1, 1952, and March 31, 1952, the subject received a total of $554.97 which was made available to him by the National Office of the CP - USA.

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6-1-52 — Informant advised that on June 1, 1952, EVELYN ABELSON, Executive Secretary of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress and a member of District 5, CP, had remarked that the National Office of

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the CP - USA in New York City had been helping out financially those individuals indicted at Pittsburgh under the Smith Act, but that this aid would cease with the advent of the trial of the CP leaders in New York City, and leaders in Pittsburgh have been advised by the National Office of the CP - USA that they will have to support themselves after the trial begins in New York City. She stated that it appears that things are getting "tougher" for the CP leaders in the Pittsburgh area, and it will be hard for these individuals to support themselves in "critical times like these."

11-16-52

T-2 advised that a testimonial dinner in behalf of ROCKWELL KENT, President of the International Workers Order, was held at Lasek Hall, 47 Bates Street, Oakland Section, Pittsburgh, on November 16, 1952, and the subject was present. Informant advised that the above mentioned dinner or banquet was sponsored by the Nationality Committee of Western Pennsylvania and ROCKWELL KENT was the principal speaker. Informant stated, however, that the subject also spoke at the meeting during the course of which he stated that various people had commented to him that he did not seem to be upset about the possibility of his going to the penitentiary. Subject stated that he was eating three meals a day and did not feel uneasy about the prospect of going to prison. ALBERTSON pointed out that the owners of the various steel mills and coal mines in the Pittsburgh area are the ones who feel uneasy.

He stated that the owners of industry feel this way because they know the time is near when they will have to return the profits to the employees, the people who earned the money. He added that the owners of industry are hysterical because they realize that in the near future they will have to distribute their accumulated wealth to the common people. He continued that the people made the wealth for the big industrialists and the latter are now worried about keeping their money. He stated that the industrialists are so upset over the prospects of losing their wealth that they are putting people on trial for possessing certain books and for entertaining various ideas. ALBERTSON was of the opinion that the trial of the five Communist leaders in Pittsburgh would last for months. He stated that "We are going to prosecute the government for attempting to deny liberty to various people," and requested that as many people as possible attend the trial in order to learn what is going on.

Informants T-3, T-4, and T-5 also reported the subject as being present at the above mentioned meeting.

In regard to the Nationality Committee of Western Pennsylvania, mentioned above, informant T-6 advised on March 17, 1953, that for all practical purposes, the Nationality Committee of Western Pennsylvania is the same as a committee for District 5, CP, since the committee is dominated by members of District 5, CP. Informant stated that JOSEPH RUDIAK and JOSEPH MANKIN, Chairman and Secretary of the committee, respectively, both District 5, CP, members, are the dominating individuals of the committee and should they discontinue their work on the committee, the committee would no longer continue to exist.

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"DAILY WORKER" ARTICLE

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An announcement appeared in the April 1, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 8, Columns 1 and 2, which set forth that Brooklyn would greet WILLIAM ALBERTSON and would pay honor to his fellow defendants in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial including STEVE NELSON, at the Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on April 4, 1953; that there would be dancing to the music of JERRY MALCOLM's Band; and that said affair was being sponsored by the Brooklyn Freedom of the Press Association. The announcement set forth the following: "All outstanding subs for the "Worker" and "Daily Worker" should be brought to the affair. Leading groups and individuals in the "Worker" circulation campaign will be honored at the affair!"

It is noted that the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker" are East Coast Communist publications.

III. STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT INDICATING ADHERANCE TO AND FURTHERANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNISM

A. Statement Made By Subject Prior to Sentencing at Smith Act Trial in Pittsburgh.

On August 25, 1953, the subject made the following statement in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, immediately prior to his sentencing for violation of the Smith Act of 1940:

"If the Court please, with all of the so-called evidence placed into the record by the prosecution, and with everything else that has gone on in this trial from its inception, I can only state that my intent more than twenty-seven years ago in joining the Communist movement was an intent to participate with the people and to help organize the people as strong

as possible, as one of its purposes to be able as result of its strength and power to contain the force and violence that the economic royalists from time to time bring on the heads of the people. That's one of the reasons that I joined, that's one of the reasons that I remained part of the Communist movement in this country; and that, amongst other reason, is one of the reasons that I intend to remain part of the Communist and labor movement in this country of ours.

There is nothing that's happened in this trial that can show me or show anybody else that any sentence which this Court may impose upon me or my co-defendants is a sentence which is going to accomplish what Mr. Boyle perhaps, and many other anti-democratic forces in this country, want to accomplish.

The Court can place a body in jail, but you can not jail ideas. History has proved that. There have been many people with ideas who have been placed in jail, but the ideas do not go there with them, the ideas stay amongst the people. And I hope that there will not come a time in this country, like came in Germany, when they succeeded partially in placing democratic ideas in jail by placing into jail a large section of the German population. I don't think we are going to reach that situation in this country, because I think the American people generally have learned the lesson of Germany and are not going to permit that to be repeated in this country.

So that I believe that the objective in this case of the prosecution has not been accomplished, because it can not be accomplished. You can not place ideas, you can not place -- not generally only ideas, you cannot place a philosophy, a science, on trial. That has been attempted many times in history, and every time, even though somebody went to jail, the objective failed. Even in the Scopes trial, just a short number of years ago, regardless of how that trial ended, Darwin's theory of evolution is the theory which predominates in biological science throughout the world. And what was on trial here was the

science of Marxism-Leninism, and you just can not put on trial half the population of the world who follow the science of Marxism-Leninism. That is an impossibility and will not be accomplished.

I might say, in conclusin, that in my mind at least the verdict that was brought in by the jury some five days ago was a foregone conclusion. It was a foregone conclusion because this jury, like other juries in Smith Act cases, had the white klieg lights of publicity on them. Yes, the jury is isolated in a certain sense. They are isolated by the forces of reaction, who put these klieg lights on them and dare them to bring in a fair verdict. -- they dare them to do that. And certainly in a city like Pittsburgh, and an area like Western Pennsylvania, where this community has the experience of over one hundred people losing their jobs, their livelihood, by the activities of one Cvetic, can we expect this jury or any jury in these times to face their employers, to face their business associates, to face some of the people in their communities, and say, "Well, you certainly gave the Communists a break," and then expect them not to be run out of town or expect them not to lose their jobs, or expect them not to lose some of their clients or some of their business associates, and so forth. And in this respect I say that that is where the major responsibility lies for the fact that a fair trial was impossible. And I would like the Court myself, as an aside, to take judicial notice of the fact that the American Bar Association today-- in session today, this minute -- is considering just this question in the city of Boston, as to the effect of public prejudice and newspapers on the possibilities of fair trial.

But this jury itself can not be absolved from the fact that not a single person on that jury had the intestinal fortitude to stand up and defend the Bill of Rights, to defend that Bill of Rights by saying that "These defendants here, I perhaps may oppose their ideas and their philosophy and their scientific approach, oppose everything they say and do, but the Bill of Rights says they have a right to do so, and my job as a juror is to protect

them in their rights." And if all juries and all people in America would approach problems of this kind in the same way, then we may be moving in the path of Germany. But I have confidence in the American people that we will not be moving in that path, regardless of what this jury or any other jury has done or may do in the immediate future. The American people, I have confidence, in its majority will soon realize that when you take away the rights of the Communists, as Justice ROBERT JACKSON said, you are automatically taking away the rights of those who are not Communists, you are depriving them of their rights under the Bill of Rights.

This is all I have to say to the Court at the present moment; and in full cognizance of the fact that, although the sentence of this Court may place me in jail, that the ideas which I have espoused for over twenty-seven years will continue to grow, will continue to bear fruit amongst the American people, and already are beginning to be realized in the fact that many more people in this country, thousands more than five six-years ago, have joined the camp of democracy and are fighting to retain the democratic rights which the American people were granted many years ago before."

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Civil Rights Congress

It is noted that the Civil Rights Congress, hereinafter referred to as the CRC, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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11-3-51 T-7 advised that a mass meeting and social sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CRC was held at the Church of GOD In Christ, 35 Miller Street, Hill Section, Pittsburgh, and the subject, as well as several District 5, CP members, was present at this affair. Informant advised that STEVE NELSON, Chairman of District 5, CP, was the first speaker; and that he stated that the

attack on the Communists was designed by the Administration to stop any opposition to the all-out drive toward war and shows that the Administration is bankrupt. NELSON also stated that the Capitalist class could not get out of the crisis because the people of the world are shaking them off of their backs. Informant further advised that the principal speaker at the meeting was LLOYD BROWN, author of the book, "The Steel City."

Informant T-4 also advised that the subject was present at the above mentioned meeting.

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T-4 advised that a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CRC was held on December 7, 1952, at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, and the subject was present, as well as several members of District 5, CP. JOHN HOLTON, Organizational Director of the Pennsylvania CRC, spoke at this meeting on the past activities of the CRC and outlined the things which must be done in the future to strengthen the CRC. He stated that their main task was to lead the fight against attacks on minority groups, particularly those concerning race, religion, and politics.

T-2, T-3, T-5, and T-8 also reported the subject as being present at the above mentioned meeting.

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T-9 advised that during the intervals when the subject was in Pittsburgh in connection with the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial in which he was a defendant, that the subject was on numerous occasions in contact with leaders of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CRC, as well as members of District 5, CP, discussing various matters, including those pertaining to the defense of the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants.

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It is noted that the subject was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh on January 18, 1952, charged with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940; that he was arraigned on May 27, 1952, before Judge WILLIAM ALVA STEWART, U. S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh; and that after numerous pre-trial motions and delays, including the death of Judge STEWART, the trial was begun on February 24, 1953, with Judge RABE F. MARSH presiding. Trial was ultimately concluded on August 20, 1953.

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3-1-53 — Informant advised that the subject attended a "STEVE NELSON Welcoming Party" which was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, on March 1, 1953, and was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CRC. This party was arranged for STEVE NELSON, Chairman, District 5, CP, who was released from the Allegheny County Workhouse, pending the appeal of his case to the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court after having been convicted and sentenced to 20 years for violation of the Pennsylvania anti-Sedition Act of 1939. Informant advised that STEVE NELSON spoke at the meeting during which he remarked that since the Capitalist governments were unable to take their spite out on the Russian people or the Chinese people, they were taking their spite out on individuals in the United States, such as himself. NELSON also related some of his experiences since being incarcerated and stated that he had to be very careful because they were watching every move which he made.

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9-23-53 — T-2 advised that a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CRC was held in Room 212 Forbes Building, 3619 Forbes Street, Oakland Section, Pittsburgh,

on Wednesday, September 23, 1953. At this meeting MIRIAM SCHULTZ, Executive Secretary of the CRC, stated that PATRICK CUSH, an old-time member of District 5, CP, would celebrate his 86th birthday on October 7, 1953, and that a birthday party would be held for him at the CRC Office. SCHULTZ stated that the occasion would be utilized to raise bail money for IRVING WEISSMAN, and the subject, upon the completion of their 60 day sentences for contempt of court, and that the 60 days would expire on October 18, 1953. She pointed out that the CRC must have sufficient bail money to obtain their release from jail.

B. Labor Youth League

It is noted that the Labor Youth League, hereinafter referred to as the LYL, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Informant advised that a banquet in behalf of the Pittsburgh Smith Act "victims" was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, on November 7, 1952, and that said banquet was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the LYL. Informant advised that short talks were made at the banquet by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the CRC, and Pittsburgh Smith Act subjects, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IRVING WEISSMAN, JAMES DOLSEN, and BENJAMIN CAREATHERS. During the course of ALBERTSON's speech, he stated that he had started the LYL in Pittsburgh over three years ago. He also stated that books written years ago should not be on trial and neither should people be tried for their thoughts.

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C. Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania

It is noted that in testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee, MATTHEW CVETIC, a self-admitted former member of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, stated: "In Western Pennsylvania the CP has functioning what is known as a political commission which is responsible for carrying out the CP line into the Progressive Party. This commission's function is the same as the Nationality Commission or the Negro Commission. In other words, members of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania who have been assigned to work in the Progressive Party meet regularly to discuss the policies and line that is to be taken into the Progressive Party."

(Expose of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, based upon the testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC. Hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 2nd Session, February and March, 1950, page 1234).

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T-2 advised that the subject, as well as several District 5, CP, members, attended a Progressive Party meeting which was held at Turner Hall, Rose Street, Hill Section, Pittsburgh, on August 6, 1952, and CHARLOTTA BASS, Progressive Party Vice Presidential candidate, was the principal speaker.

V. FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUEJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940.

On August 23, 1951, a Federal Grand Jury convened at Pittsburgh and returned an indictment against the subject and his co-defendants in the case of "United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka: Steve Nelson, Et Al, Criminal Action Number 13436," charging the defendants with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

Subsecuently, on January 18, 1952, a Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh returned a modified indictment against the subject and his co-defendants in criminal action number 13531 which also charged the subject with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

On arraignment before Judge WILLIAM ALVA STEWART in the U. S. District Court of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, on November 5, 1951, the subject and his co-defendants entered pleas of not guilty to the charges contained in the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury on August 23, 1951, in criminal action number 13436.

Following the return of the modified indictment by the Federal Grand Jury on January 18, 1952, in criminal action number 13531, the subject and his co-defendants appeared before Judge STEWART for arraignment on May 27, 1952, and all entered pleas of not guilty.

During 1952, numerous pre-trial motions were presented and continuances granted by Judge WILLIAM ALVA STEWART. On November 20, 1952, Judge STEWART announced that it was necessary for him to undergo surgery and therefore, he was withdrawing from the trial. He continued the trial until such time as a new judge was assigned to the case and until further order of the court.

The trial of the subject and his co-defendants was ultimately begun in the U. S. District Court of Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, on February 24, 1953, with Judge RABE F. MARSH, JR., presiding. On August 20, 1953, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment as to each defendant.

During cross-examination of the subject by Special Assistant to the Attorney General EDWARD C. BOYLE on July 29, 1953, subject refused to answer a question concerning the identity of members of the District Committee of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, whom he had previously testified had elected him to the position of Executive Secretary of the CP of Western Pennsylvania in 1947. After a warning by Judge MARSH, that a refusal to answer this question would result in a contempt citation, subject again refused to answer the question and he was adjudged in willful and deliberate contempt of court. Thereafter, on the same date, subject refused to further identify an individual named "NICK" listed by him in a written report pertaining to the 1948 CP Convention of Western Pennsylvania. Subject was again adjudged in contempt of court for refusal to answer this question. Sentence on both counts of contempt was deferred until further order of court.

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On August 20, 1953, following the return of a verdict of guilty for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, subject was sentenced by presiding Judge RABE F. MARSH, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 401, on two separate counts for contempt of court, to serve 60 days in a jail-type institution on each count of the contempt charge, sentences to run concurrently. No fines or costs were imposed. Subject was immediately committed into the custody of the U. S. Marshal to begin serving his 60 day sentence for contempt and was confined in the Allegheny County Jail, Pittsburgh.

On August 20, 1953, and on the petition of Special Assistant to the Attorney General BOYLE, Judge MARSH increased the subject's bail pending sentence and appeal from $20,000 to $40,000.

On August 25, 1953, after having been found guilty of violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and following a denial by Judge MARSH of a defense motion for a new trial and for a hearing on the issue of clear and present danger, subject was sentenced to be imprisoned for a period of five years in a penitentiary-type institution. Judge MARSH ordered that the sentence was to commence upon the subject's release from the sentence of 60 days for contempt, which was imposed by the court, and which was then being served by the subject. No fines or costs were imposed.

Records of the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, reflect that on August 28, 1953, subject and his co-defendants filed a notice of appeal of their conviction and petitioned the court for a reduction of bail pending appeal.

On August 31, 1953, the subject and his co-defendants filed a statement of objections and offer of proof in opposition to determination of clear and present danger.

On September 3, 1953, Judge MARSH filed a memorandum opinion and order of the court denying the defendants' petition for a reduction of bail pending appeal.

On September 9, 1953, the subject and his co-defendants filed a petition with the U. S. District Court of Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, for allowance to the docket record on appeal, and to proceed in all other respects of appeal in forma pauperis. On the same date they filed an appeal with the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., from the order of Judge MARSH on

September 3, 1953, which denied the defendants' petition for reduction of bail pending appeal of sentence.

On September 18, 1953, the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., granted the defendants' appeal for reduction of bail. The subject's bail was reduced from $40,000 to $25,000. Court also granted the appeal for trial in forma pauperis.

On October 22, 1953, after the completion of the 60 day sentence for contempt, the subject was released on $25,000 bond from the Allegheny County Jail, Pittsburgh. Records of the U. S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, reflect that SAUL GROSSMAN of Detroit, Michigan, appeared at the Clerk's Office, U. S. District Court of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, on October 22, 1953, and posted the $25,000 bail for the subject. A new appearance bond covering the period of appeal was executed by ALBERTSON with GROSSMAN as surety.

It is noted that SAUL GROSSMAN is the Organizational Director of the CRC of Michigan.

On October 26, 1953, the subject, through counsel RALPH POWE, filed a motion with the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, Pa., requesting "unrestricted" right to travel because ALBERTSON was of the opinion that the District Court was directed by the Circuit Court to receive $25,000 bail, but did not direct confinement of appellant to the jurisdiction of the Western District of Pennsylvania. However, in the event the above was not authorized, subject requested permission to reside in Detroit, Michigan, after visiting in New York City which would end November 15, 1953. Records reflected a letter from the United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, opposing "unrestricted" travel, but offering no objection to the subject's residing in Detroit, Michigan.

On November 2, 1953, the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., granted the subject permission to travel to New York City until November 15, 1953, at which time subject must leave New York City for Detroit, Michigan, and remain in Detroit until his appearance is required before the United States District Court of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. The subject's permission to travel was contingent upon his advising the U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh of the exact time

of departure, mode of travel, and place of temporary residence in New York City.

Prior to the subject's departure from Pittsburgh, on November 3, 1953, at 6:00 P.M., via Flight 422, Trans-World Airlines enroute to New York City, subject advised the U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh that he would reside in Apartment 2H, 1205 College Avenue, Bronx, New York, until November 15, 1953, and that his residence thereafter would be 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. MARY TUTTLE, United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, advised on November 3, 1953, that notice had been received from U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., that the time for filing of briefs on the appeal of said case by the defendants had been extended to December 17, 1953.

On December 16, 1953, subject filed a petition to travel with the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., requesting that authority be granted for him to travel to New York City for the period from December 16, 1953, to January 4, 1954, for the purpose of conferring with counsel and seeking employment in New York City, inasmuch as he contemplated changing his residence permanently to New York City during the early part of 1954.

In regard to the above petition to travel, the Clerk of the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., advised on December 17, 1953, that no additional arguments were being scheduled for that court during the two week period commencing December 20, 1953, and therefore, it was believed that the earliest possible date of argument on the subject's travel request would be January 4, 1954.

On January 4, 1954, the subject's attorney RALPH POWE appeared before the United States 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., in behalf of the subject for the purpose of obtaining permission for the subject to travel from January 23 through January 31, 1954. The original petition to travel, mentioned above, requesting permission for subject to travel from Detroit, Michigan, to New York City on December 16, 1953, and return on or before January 4, 1954, was orally amended by Attorney RALPH POWE. The amended petition requested permission for the subject to leave Detroit, Michigan, on January 23, 1954, to travel to Pittsburgh for five days, and thence, to New York City, returning to Detroit by January 31, 1954.

The petition indicated that the subject desired to confer with co-defendants and counsel, and that he desired permission to travel to New York to confer with counsel and also to seek employment with the idea of establishing permanent residence in New York City. Subject's temporary address while in New York City was given as: In care of IRVING WEISSMAN, 1205 College Avenue, New York City.

The court ruled from the bench that it had no objection for the subject to make the above trip in order to confer with counsel, but objected to the trip being made in order for the subject to seek employment.

On December 15, 1953, it was ascertained through the United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, that the filing of appeal briefs with the United States 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., for the subject and his co-defendants in the Pittsburgh Smith Act Trial had been postponed until March 1, 1954.

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T-1 is [redacted]	Unknown [redacted] who furnished information from the bank's records re: distribution of funds by the CP-USA to various CP organizations and individuals from 1-1-52 to 3-31-52. It is noted that none of these records can be produced except through the issuance of an appropriate subpoena.	Unknown	SA(A) [redacted] N.Y. Office (o)	100-577-659 page 26 b6 b7C b7D
T-2 is [redacted]	Section II a. 6-1-52	6-4-52	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE (wr)	b2 b7D [redacted]
	11-16-52	11-19-52	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE (wr)	
	Section IV A. 12-7-52	12-11-52	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE (wr)	
	9-23-53	9-29-53	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE (wr)	b2 b7D
	Section IV b. 11-7-52	11-12-52	SA RUSSELL M.GWYNNE (wr)	
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T-4 is [redacted]				b2 b7D
	Section II A 11-16-52	11-21-52	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE (wr)	
	Section IV A 11-3-51	11-13-51	SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON (wr)	
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T-5 is [redacted]				
	Section II A 11-16-52	12-4-52	SA HOWARD S. MEYERJACK (wr)	
	Section IV A 12-7-52	12-11-52	SA JOHN M. PAGE(wr)	
	3-1-53	3-10-53	SA JOHN M. PAGE(wr)	
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T-8 is [redacted]	Section IV A 12-7-52	12-11-52	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE (wr)	[redacted]
T-9 is PG 103-S*	Section IV A 1952-1953	10-13-52 10-14-52 10-18-52 11-6,10-52 12-5-52 4-28-53 4-6-53		

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION - Information

One copy of this report is being designated for New York for information purposes since the New York Office has received previous reports in this matter, as well as the fact that the subject has indicated that he contemplates moving to New York City to take up permanent residence in the early part of 1954.

THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will maintain contact with the U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh in order to report on the subject's appeal to the U. S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, Pa.

REFERENCE Report of SA PAUL L. SCOTT, Pittsburgh, October 23, 1953, captioned, "COMPROS - PITTSBURGH; WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was.; BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, was.; JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, was.; STEVE NELSON, was.; ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA; IRVING WEISSMAN, was. INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SMITH ACT OF 1940; CONTEMPT OF COURT."

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA OF 1940. AUSA D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, PITTSBURGH, ORALLY ADVISED 1/26/54 THAT HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF A HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM ALBERTSON WHICH STATED THAT HE, ALBERTSON, COULD BE LOCATED IN CARE OF IRVING WEISSMAN, 1205 COLLEGE AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y., EFFECTIVE WEEKEND OF 1/23/54.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 1/26/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-5604)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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SMITH ACT OF 1940

ReDetroit letter, 12/31/53.

A check of the current edition of the Brooklyn Address Telephone Directories, reflect that WALLACE PERLICK, presently resides at [redacted] (telephone number President 8-7380). b6 b7C

Information in the files of the NYO reveal that WALLACE PERLICK and BLOSSOM PERLICK reside at [redacted] and that these individuals have been reported to be members of the IWO, Lodge #817, as well as subscribers to the "Worker". In addition to this, in June, 1949, BLOSSOM PERLICK and one WILLIAM PERLICK sent a telegram to Judge HAROLD MEDINA, protesting the trial of the Communist Party Leaders then taking place in the SDNY.

On 2/16/51 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] and SE [redacted] that WALTER and BLOSSOM PERLICK had made applications for Lodge 817 of the IWO. b2 b6 b7C b7D

The IWO has been cited by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This information is contained in NY file 100-2936, serial number 889, exhibit number 1A665.

On 12/2/53 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] and SE [redacted] that BLOSSOM PERLICK of [redacted] was a subscriber to the "Worker". The original of this information is contained in NY file 100-19622, sub A. b2 b6 b7C b7D

In June, 1949 Miss E. GOSMAN, Secretary to Judge HAROLD MEDINA of the US District Court, SDNY made available to SA [redacted] a telegram sent by BLOSSOM PERLICK and WILLIAM PERLICK to Judge HAROLD MEDINA protesting his conduct of the trial of the Communist Party leaders over which he was then proceeding in the SDNY. This telegram was dated 6/5/49 and is maintained in the NY file 100-85800, serial number 3807, exhibit number 1B1639. b6 b7C

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF 1940. RE PG AIRTEL 1/25/54.

USA W. WILSON WHITE ADVISED RALPH POWE, ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECT, ON 2/1/54 PRESENTED MOTION IN U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD CIRCUIT, IN PHILADELPHIA, PA., FOR AUTHORITY OF SUBJECT TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY IN NEW YORK, N.Y. COURT HAS NOT ACTED; HOWEVER, USA EXPECTS DECISION BY END OF CURRENT WEEK. BUREAU AND PERTINENT OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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WILLIAM ALEXANDER, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF 1940. RE YOUR AIRTEL 1/25/54.

USA [illegible] ALEXANDER [illegible], ENTERED ORDER, DATED 2/1/54,
[illegible] UNITED STATES IN U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL, THIRD CIRCUIT, IN
[illegible] U.S.A., [illegible] OF ALIEN'S LIFE [illegible] SUBJECT TO BEING PERMANENTLY IN
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Criminal Division

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
Internal Security - C
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FBI File 65-38100

On January 25, 1954, information was received that a motion would be filed on February 1, 1954, by Attorney Ralph Powe before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, requesting permission for William Albertson, one of the convicted defendants in the Pittsburgh smith Act trial, to establish permanent residence in New York, New York.

Powe has advised Assistant United States Attorney P. Malcolm Anderson, Pittsburgh, that he would at the same time file the consent of Albertson's surety, Saul Grossman.

In addition, Powe advised Assistant United States Attorney Anderson that Albertson's wife, Pauline, had secured a divorce from Albertson in the Circuit Court of Wayne County, Michigan, on January 5, 1954, and that she had been awarded custody of their only child.

On January 30, 1954, Assistant United States Attorney Anderson received a handwritten letter from Albertson which stated he, Albertson, could be located in care of Irving Weissman, 1995 College Avenue, New York, New York. This travel by Albertson is pursuant to permission granted by the Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, for Albertson to travel from January 23 to January 31, 1954.

You will be advised of the results of the petition which will be filed on February 1, 1954, seeking permission for Albertson to establish permanent residence in New York.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA OF 1940. AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED TODAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER DATED 1/23/54 FROM RALPH POWE, ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECT, IN WHICH POWE STATED THAT HE WAS THEREBY ADVISING THE USA'S OFFICE IN PITTSBURGH THAT ON 2/1/54 HE WILL PRESENT MOTION IN U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD CIRCUIT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., SEEKING PERMISSION FOR WILLIAM ALBERTSON TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN NEW YORK, N. Y. POWE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WOULD AT THAT TIME FILE CONSENT OF ALBERTSON'S SURETY, SAUL GROSSMAN, TO THE ABOVE CHANGE OF RESIDENCE. ANDERSON FURTHER ADVISED THAT POWE'S LETTER INFORMED THAT ALBERTSON'S WIFE (FRANCINE ALBERTSON) HAD SECURED A DIVORCE FROM SUBJECT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ON 1/5/54 AND THAT SHE HAD BEEN AWARDED CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILD. PHILADELPHIA WILL VERIFY FILING OF ABOVE PETITION.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: February 5, 1954

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re Detroit tel to Bureau, 1-23-54.

It is noted that the U. S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., handed down an affirmative decision from the bench on January 4, 1954, in connection with the subject's petition for travel privileges to New York City. In ALBERTSON's petition, he requested permission to depart Detroit, Michigan, on January 23, 1954, to travel to Pittsburgh for five days and thence to New York City, returning to Detroit by January 31, 1954. The court ruled that ALBERTSON be granted permission to travel from January 23 to January 31, 1954, for the purpose of seeking counsel in Pittsburgh and New York to prepare his appeal in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case. It was further ordered by the court that ALBERTSON inform the U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania prior to departing Detroit as to what his address would be in Pittsburgh and New York City; that he was not to seek employment while in New York City; and that he was to remain in Detroit after February 1, 1954, until required to appear in U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh.

Referenced Detroit teletype set forth that ALBERTSON had departed Detroit alone, driving a 1951 black Buick 4-door Sedan, bearing 1953 New York license 8C7288, at 8:50 a.m. the same date, traveling on Route 24 toward Toledo, Ohio.

Pittsburgh Security Informants and the surveillance squad were immediately alerted to the possibility of ALBERTSON's being in Pittsburgh for a few days; however, no information has been received to date indicating that ALBERTSON stopped in Pittsburgh.

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Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted], Pittsburgh, advised on January 26, 1954, tha t he was in receipt of a handwritten letter from ALBERTSON dated January 22, 1954, which stated that he could be located in care of IRVING WEISSMAN, 1205 College Avenue, New York City, effective the weekend of January 23, 1954.

The Detroit Office advised by airtel to the Director dated February 2, 1954, that the subject returned to Detroit, Michigan, on the evening of January 31, 1954, and is residing at the residence of SAUL WELLMAN in Detroit.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA OF 1940. AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C
PITTSBURGH, ADVISED ON 2/4/54 THAT HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF ORDER BY U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, PHILADELPHIA, PA., DENYING ALBERTSON'S REQUEST TO CHANGE HIS LEGAL RESIDENCE FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TO NEW YORK CITY.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF '40. REMY AIRTEL 2/2/54. DEPUTY CLERK, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD CIRCUIT, PH, TODAY ADVISED THAT COURT ON 2/2/54 ENTERED AN ORDER DENYING SUBJECT'S MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE HIS LEGAL RESIDENCE FROM DETROIT TO NEW YORK.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMIT ACT OF 1940
FBI File 65-38100

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 1, 1954, concerning the motion filed before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, requesting permission for Albertson to leave Detroit permanently and establish permanent residence in New York City.

On February 2, 1954, the Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia entered an order denying Albertson's request.

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Synopsis:

Subject currently residing at 3000 Clairmount, Detroit, residence of SAUL WEIDMAN, Detroit Smith Act defendant. FRANCINE ALBERTSON granted Decree of Divorce from Subject to become final six months after date of its entry, 1/5/54. On 12/3/53 Subject stated he was employed as State Secretary, Michigan CP, from which he received in cash $55.00 weekly plus a $5.00 weekly expense account. Has been instrumental in efforts to repeal the Michigan Trucks Act, anti-Communist legislation. On 8/20/53, following the return of a verdict of guilty for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, Subject was sentenced under Title 18, USC, Section 401, on two separate counts for contempt of court, to serve 60 days in a jail type institution on each count of the contempt charge, sentences to run concurrently. On 8/25/53 Subject was sentenced to be imprisoned for a period of 5 years in a penitentiary type institution. Sentence was to commence upon the Subject's release from the above contempt sentence. ALBERTSON is currently free on $25,000 bond, after completion of 60 day contempt sentence, pending appeal of case to U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa. Filing of Appeal Brief with Circuit Court of Appeals by Subject and co-defendants in Pittsburgh Smith Act trial postponed until 3/1/54.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Marital Status

In 1952 T-1 reported that he had learned that the Subject allegedly had been ordered by the Communist Party to separate from his wife on charges of trafficking with the enemy, White Chauvinism and for engaging in the services of a psychiatrist. As a result of these accusations, Mrs. ALBERTSON is said to have been placed on probation. (U) (C)

(U) T-2 advised on November 5, 1953 that he had been informed that FRANCINE ALBERTSON was divorcing the Subject on grounds of Adultery. According to this Informant, FRANCINE is rumored to be sick with cancer.

Mr. William Albertson

The records of the Wayne County Clerk, 212 County Building, Detroit, examined by the reporting Agent on January 26, 1954, reflect that FRANCINE ALBERTSON, as Plaintiff, was granted a Decree of Divorce, number 310-099, from the Subject to become final six months from and after date of its entry, January 5, 1954. It stipulates that neither shall remarry before this decree becomes final. The divorce was granted on grounds of acts of extreme and repeated cruelty. The Subject will pay $12.50 per week alimony for the support and maintenance of his son, [redacted] until he finishes or quits high school but in no event beyond his 18th birthday. GEORGE W. CROCKETT, JR., was the attorney for the Subject. b6 b7C

It is noted that CROCKETT was the attorney for CARL WINTER who was convicted and sentenced for violation of the Smith Act in New York.

These records also indicated that the Subject and his wife separated April 5, 1953.

B. Employment

The records of the Wayne County Clerk, mentioned above, reflect that on December 3, 1953 the Subject declared that he was employed as State Secretary of the Michigan Communist Party and received $55.00 weekly plus a $5.00 weekly expense account. He receives both the salary and expense money from the Michigan Communist Party in cash.

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C. Residence

On November 9, 1953 D. MALCALM ANDERSON, Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, advised that he had been informed by IDA CRESKOFF, Clerk, Circuit Court, Philadelphia, by letter dated November 6, 1953, that the Subject in his Petition to Travel, advised he would be staying at 320 Second Avenue, New York City, the residence of V. J. JEROME. According to Mrs. CRESKOFF, ALBERTSON had previously indicated he would be staying at 212 East 12th Street, New York City.

It is further noted that ALBERTSON, prior to leaving Pittsburgh on November 3, 1953, advised United States Attorney JOHN W. MC ILVAINE that he would reside at 1205 College Avenue, residence of IRVING WEISSMAN, while in New York City.

It is noted that WEISSMAN was a co-defendant at the Pittsburgh Smith Act trials.

Mr. JOHN W. MC ILVAINE, United States Attorney, Pittsburth, Pennsylvania, advised on November 18, 1953, that he was in receipt of a letter from the Subject dated November 17, 1953, which stated that the Subject had moved from 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan, to 3000 Clairmount, Detroit 6, Michigan.

(U) T-3 advised on November 20, 1953 that an individual answering the description of the Subject arrived at the residence of SAUL WELLMAN, 3000 Clairmount, Detroit, during the afternoon of November 15, 1953. This Informant subsequently identified this individual as ALBERTSON who continues to reside at this address.

It is noted that WELLMAN is a Smith Act defendant currently on trial in Detroit.

D. Status of Health

Judge RABE F. MARSH, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, signed a court order January 21, 1953 continuing the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial from February 2, 1953 to February 16, 1953, which was requested by the defense attorney on behalf of the Subject who was confined in Manhattan General Hospital, New York City, with a hemorrhoids operation.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND RELATED GROUPS

A. Communist Party

The Communist Party, hereinafter referred to as the CP, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) T-4 advised that between January 1, 1952 and March 31, 1952 the Subject received a total of $554.97, which was made available to him by the National Office of the CP, USA.

T-5 on November 26, 1953 stated that the Subject attended a birthday party for NAT GANLEY at the latter's residence on that date. Among those attending were all the Smith Act defendants currently on trial in Detroit as well as LILLIAN GREEN, wife of GILBERT GREEN, a Communist fugitive.

It is noted that GANLEY is also a Detroit Smith Act defendant.

It is further noted that LILLIAN GREEN and her two sons, [redacted] and [redacted] visited the residence of SAUL WELLMAN, 3000 Clairmount, Detroit, from November 25 to November 29, 1953.

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(U) T-6 on December 11, 1953 reported that the Subject had contacted ARTHUR MC PHAUL, Executive Secretary, Michigan Civil Rights Congress, in an effort to obtain a statement made by Supreme Court Justice ROBERT JACKSON several years ago in which JACKSON was reported to have said that the Communist rights were tied up in the same bundle under the Constitution. MC PHAUL had advised him that the following was the statement, "The right of every American to equal treatment under the laws is wrapped up in the same Constitutional bundle with these Communists". ALBERTSON replied that JACKSON had also said "To throw out this bundle is to throw out the rights of every American" and requested MC PHAUL to look for the full statement.

The Civil Rights Congress, hereinafter referred to as the CRC, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On December 24, 1953 T-7 stated that HELEN ALLISON had extended a special invitation to the Subject to be present at a party at her residence the next evening which would be in celebration (U) of her 22nd wedding anniversary.

It is noted that ALLISON is also a Smith Act defendant in the current Detroit trials.

B. CRC

(U) On April 2, 1952 T-8 advised that the Subject was in attendance at a CRC sponsored meeting held March 28, 1952. The Informant advised that the purpose of this meeting was to raise funds for the defense of the CP leaders who were to go on trial in New York City March 31, 1952.

(U) On April 21, 1952 T-9 advised that the Subject was in attendance at the CRC sponsored testimonial banquet held for GEORGE CROCKETT at 2705 Joy Road, Detroit. This Informant advised that the Subject gave a talk at this meeting, mentioning the hard work that CROCKETT had done in analyzing the Michigan Trucks Act. The Subject urged everyone to work hard to defeat the bill so that when CROCKETT returned from jail he will find the bill non-existent.

It is noted that during the trial of the 11 National CP leaders CROCKETT was found guilty of contempt of court.

It is further noted that the Trucks Act required registration of Communist, denies Communist ballot rights, authorizes use of Communist files by all police agencies and invokes penalties up to life in prison for subversion and acts of sabotage.

(U) T-10 on May 15, 1952 advised that the Subject suggested to PEGGY WELLMAN and she advise BILL PATTERSON or AUBREY GROSSMAN of the National CRC at New York what had happened to her.

It is noted that PEGGY WELLMAN, wife of SAUL WELLMAN, and three officials of the Michigan CRC personally appeared at the Detroit Division of the FBI on May 14, 1952 to protest against alleged surveillances by Special Agents as an invasion of PEGGY's civil rights.

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[T-11] advised in November 1952 that the Subject was in attendance at the CRC sponsored banquet held on November 22, 1952 at the Jewish Cultural Center, Detroit. The Informant advised that this banquet was held in honor of the six Detroit defendants of the Smith Act and that the Subject was one of the featured speakers on the program. Subject stated that victory was in sight in Pittsburgh due to the fact that the selection of the judge and jurors was causing a delay in the trial proceedings. He stated that the judge originally assigned to this case was in the hospital and that no other judge wants to accept the case and that in view of this, victory is in sight. He further stated that he feels confident of a mistrial unless the opposition
(U) can produce a miracle.

[T-8] advised that on November 23, 1952 Subject was in attendance at a CRC sponsored banquet held in honor of the eight leaders of the Michigan CP who have been either indicted or sentenced under the Smith Act of 1940. Informant advised that this affair was part of the general $40,000 fund drive campaign launched by the Michigan CP and CRC. The Informant stated there were approximately 200 persons in attendance at this affair and that the Subject gave a report on the Smith Act trials at Pittsburgh and spoke of the success of the defense to disqualify many jurors around the issue of prejudices against Communism or CP leaders.

(U) According to [T-6] in February 1953 the Subject had recently contacted ARTHUR MC PHAUL and requested that the CRC make every effort to raise $200 or $300 for the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants. He indicated that the same request was being made of other CRC branches.

The "Labor Defender", CRC of Michigan publication, of May 1953, Volume One, Number four on page four, columns two and three, contains a picture of the Subject together with an article captioned, "No Jury of Peers for Workers and Negroes -- Albertson Charges". In this article ALBERTSON charged that discrimination rather than chance selection governed the picking of jury panel and, therefore, the jurors. The article concluded by stating that the trial of the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants had begun and that the jury was selected from a one-sided panel. This method of jury selection, according to the article, made it easier for the Government to get a conviction on its political frame-up trial.

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C. Activities Against the Michigan Trucks Act

In the April 10, 1952 edition of the Detroit News, second blue streak edition, page one, column four, there appeared an article entitled, "Funds to Curb Reds Sought by Governor". This article, in part, reads, "Governor Williams announced today that he would seek funds to increase the size of the State Police Subversive Squad as a result of the CP's expressed defiance of the Trucks Anti-Communist Bill now awaiting his signature . . . WILLIAM ALBERTSON, State Secretary of the Party, told the Governor Wednesday afternoon that Party members will defy the registration provisions."

In the November 10, 1952 edition of the Detroit News, second blue streak edition, page one, column six, appeared an article entitled, "High Court to Review State Red Control Act". This article, in part, reads, "The Michigan law is of the same general nature as the Federal Internal Security Law of 1950," sponsored by Senator MC CARRAN (Dem.), Nev., which required registration of Communist active organizations . . . The test of the Trucks Act was initiated by the CP of Michigan and its secretary, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, soon after the state laws became effective on April 27, 1952".

On November 21, 1952 an article appeared in the Detroit News, page eighteen, column four, entitled, "Reds Offered Ally and Fight". Part of this article reads, "The Trucks Act was upheld by the Federal Court at Detroit. That decision was appealed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, head of the CP in Michigan. ALBERTSON's suit in Federal Court haulted enforcement of the law three days after it became effective."

It is to be noted that the Detroit Office is in possession of Photostats of the records of the United States Supreme Court, Case Number 384, entitled, "WILLIAM ALBERTSON of the CP of Michigan, a Voluntary Unincorporated Association Vs. FRANK G. MILLARD, Attorney General of the State of Michigan, Et Al." These records reflect in part the following: The case was instituted by the CP of Michigan, seeking to have the Michigan Communist Congrol Law, popularly known as the Trucks Act, declared unconstitutional as being in violation of the United States Constitution. These records are divided into ten sections. One of these sections, captioned "Transcript of the Record," consisting of 67 pages, contains the transcript of the records in lower court proceedings prior to the appeal to the United States Supreme Court growing out of a

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complaint signed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Executive Secretary, CP of Michigan, April 27, 1952 in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, seeking a temporary injunction against the enforcement and a declaratory judgment declaring same unconstitutional.

Attorneys for the complainant, CP of Michigan, were JOSEPH A. BROWN, from the Law Firm of LEWIS, ROLETTE, BROWN and WELL, and ERNEST GOODMAN, from the Firm of GOODMAN, CROCKETT, EDEN and ROBB.

The complaint for injunction and declaratory judgment, page one, paragraph three, defines the CP as follows:

"The Communist Party of the State of Michigan, hereinafter called the Communist Party, is a voluntary, unincorporated political association composed of qualified voters and taxpayers of the State of Michigan, who, for many years, have been organized and have functioned as a political party in the State of Michigan; it has proposed, endorsed and endeavored to secure the election of candidates to public office based upon political platforms, which, in the opinion of the members of the Communist Party, would enhance and secure the general social and economic welfare of the American people and provide the maximum protection for the civil rights and liberties of the people of the state of Michigan and the United States of America, regardless of race, creed, color, sex or national origin. The Communist Party, over a long period of years, has held political conventions, circulated petitions and nominated candidates for public office in the state of Michigan, and has appeared on the ballot as a recognized political party in Federal and State elections in the state of Michigan. It is the intention of the Communist Party to circulate petitions, to hold a convention and to nominate candidates and to take such other steps as required by law to enable said party and its candidates to appear on the 1952 Federal and State election ballots in the State of Michigan."

In connection with the political activities of the CP of Michigan, the following affidavit of EDWARD V. FREY, Director of Elections, State of Michigan, was filed in these proceedings by the State of Michigan in an effort to refute the complainant's allegation that the CP of Michigan is a bona fide political party.

Mr. FREY is in charge of all records of the Office of the Secretary of the State of Michigan pertaining to the elections held in this state from 1926 to date and prior thereto.

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The affidavit files in the State of Michigan read in part as follows:

"Such records disclose that the Communist Party of the State of Michigan has not since the General Fall Election of 1946 qualified or sought by petition or otherwise the (fol.33) right or privilege of having the name of such party or candidate or nominee thereof printed upon any ballot used in any primary or general election in this State; that in 1946 at the General Election held in the fall of that year, the Communist candidate for office of Secretary of State received a total of 3,120 votes; and that at no time, from 1926 to 1946, did the Communist Party receive a sufficient number of votes cast for any candidate to entitle such party to have its name printed on the ballot at the election next ensuing."

D. Miscellaneous Activities

1. International Workers Order

The International Workers Order, hereinafter referred to as the IWO, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) T-12 on November 19, 1952 advised that a testimonial dinner in behalf of ROCKWELL KENT, President of the IWO, was held at Lasek Hall, 47 Bates Street, Oakland Section, Pittsburgh, on November 16, 1952 and the Subject was present. Informant advised that ROCKWELL KENT was the principal speaker. The Subject also spoke at the meeting, during the course of which he stated that various people had commented to him that he did not seen to be upset about the possibility of his going to the penitentiary. ALBERTSON stated that he was eating three meals a day and did not feel uneasy about the prospect of going to prison. He pointed out that the owners of the various steel mills and coal mines in the Pittsburgh area are the ones who feel uneasy. He stated that the owners of industry feel this way because they know the time is near when they will have to return the profits to the employees, the people who earned the money. He added that the owners of industry are hysterical because they realize that in the near future they will have to distribute their accumulated wealth to the common people. He continued that the people made the wealth for the big industrialists and the latter are now worried about keeping their money. He stated that the industrialists

are so upset over the prospect of losing their wealth that they are putting people on trial for possessing certain books and for entertaining various ideas. ALBERTSON was of the opinion that the trial of the five Communist leaders in Pittsburgh would last for months. He stated that "We are going to prosecute the Government for attempting to deny liberty to various people", and requested that as many people as possible attend the trial in order to learn what is going on.

(U) [T-13] on January 23, 1953 advised that as of July 1951 the Subject was a member of IWO Lodge number 455 and held certificate number 347399.

2. Labor Youth League

The Labor Youth League, hereinafter referred to as the LYL, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) [T-12] advised that a banquet in behalf of the Pittsburgh Smith Act "victims" was held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 6328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, on November 7, 1952 and that said banquet was sponsored by the Pittsburgh chapter of the LYL. Informant advised that short talks were made at the banquet by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the CRC and Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IRVING WEISSMAN, JAMES DOLSEN and BENJAMIN CAREATHERS. During the course of ALBERTSON's speech, he stated that he had started the LYL in Pittsburgh over three years ago. He also stated that books written years ago should not be on trial and neither should people be tried for their thoughts.

3. "Michigan Edition - The Worker"

It is noted that this is a newspaper which is the Michigan edition of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist publication.

It is noted that the Subject wrote articles which appeared in 27 different editions of this newspaper from the period April 14, 1952 through November 23, 1952. Many of these articles were mainly concerned with the Subject's criticism of the Michigan Trucks Act and the position of the CP in relation to the act.

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III. FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

A. Complaint and Warrant

On August 17, 1951, a complaint authorized by United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE, Pittsburgh, was filed by SA [redacted] before United States Commissioner EDWARD SNODGRESS, JR., Pittsburgh, charging the Subject and his co-defendants with violation of Section 3 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, Title 18, United States Code (1946 ED.) Section 11 and Title 18, United States Code (1948 ED.) Section 371. b6 b7C

The body of the complaint set out that from on or about April 1, 1945, and continuously thereafter up to and including the date of the filing of the complaint in the Western District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the Subject and his co-defendants, unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly did conspire with each other and with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, JOHN B. WILLIAMSON, JACOB STACHEL, ROBERT G. THOMPSON, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., HENRY WINSTON, JOHN GATES, IRVING POTASH, GILBERT GREEN, CARL WINTER and GUS HALL and with divers other persons to commit offenses against the United States prohibited by Section 2 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 United States Code (1948 ED.) 2585, by so conspiring unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly to advocate and teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the Government of the United States by force and violence, and unlawfully, wilfully, and knowingly to organize and help to organize as the Communist Party of the United States of America a society, group and assembly of persons who teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the Government of the United States by force and violence, and in pursuance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Western District of Pennsylvania, on or about March 9, 1949, the Subject and his co-defendants therein did attend and participate in a meeting.

On the same date commissioner's warrants were issued for each of the defendants charging each with conspiracy to violate Section 2 of the Smith Act, 54 Stat. 671, 18 United States Code (1946 ED.) Section 10 18 United States Code (1948 ED.) and Title 18, Section 371 (1948 ED.).

B. Arrest

ALBERTSON was arrested at 4:16 P.M. August 17, 1951 by Bureau Agents near Flat Rock, Michigan. He was taken before Judge THEODORE IEVIN, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan,

Detroit, Michigan, on August 20, 1951; bail was set at $20,000; a preliminary removal hearing was scheduled for August 30, 1951; and ALBERTSON was returned to the custody of the United States Marshal, Detroit, in lieu of bail. ALBERTSON posted bond on August 24, 1951, and was released. Subsequently, at a hearing before Judge LEVIN on September 4, 1951, ALBERTSON was ordered removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to stand trial. On October 3, 1951, at a hearing before Judge LEVIN, the date of ALBERTSON's appearance in United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, was set for 10:00 A.M., October 5, 1951. His bond of $20,000 was continued and ordered returnable at Pittsburgh.

C. Indictment

On August 23, 1951 a Federal Grand Jury convened at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and returned an indictment against the Subject and his co-defendants in the case of "United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka: Steve Nelson; et al, Criminal Action number 13436," charging the defendants with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

Subsequently, on January 18, 1952, a Federal Grand Jury at Pittsburgh returned a modified indictment against the Subject and co-defendants in Criminal Action number 13531, which also charged the Subject with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

D. Bail

At a hearing before Judge STEWART, August 24, 1951, bond was set at $20,000 for each of the defendants.

On October 3, 1951, defendant ALBERTSON appeared before JOHN J. GINTHER, Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan at Detroit, and was released on $20,000 bail posted by SAUL GROSSMAN, 1442 Griswold, Detroit 26, Michigan. A removal bond returnable Pittsburgh, was executed by ALBERTSON with GROSSMAN as surety. Judge THEODORE LEVIN, United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, signed an order on October 4, 1951, transferring ALBERTSON's bond to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(U) It is noted that on June 11, 1953, [T-14] characterized GROSSMAN as the Executive Secretary of the Michigan Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, a local chapter of the American Committee for the

Protection of Foreign Born, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Following return of the modified indictment by the Grand Jury on January 18, 1952, Criminal Action number 13531, all of the defendants executed new court appearance bonds with the same sureties as listed on the original bonds.

Judge MARSH, following sentencing of defendants on August 25, 1953, on motion of then Special Assistant to the Attorney General BOYLE, increased bail for the Subject from $20,000 to $40,000. A petition for reduction of this bail was filed by the Subject and his co-defendants on August 28, 1953 but was denied by Judge MARSH by memorandum opinion and order dated September 3, 1953.

An appeal from Judge MARSH's order of September 3, 1953 denying reduction of bail was argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 17, 1953. On September 18, 1953 the United States Court of Appeals reduced bail for ALBERTSON to $25,000.

On October 22, 1953, after the completion of the 60 day sentence for contempt, the Subject was released on $25,000 bond from the Allegheny County Jail, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The records of the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reflect that SAUL GROSSMAN, of Detroit, Michigan, appeared at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court of Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, on October 22, 1953 and posted the $25,000 bail for the Subject. A new appearance bond covering the period of appeal was executed by ALBERTSON with GROSSMAN as surety.

The October 7, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on page five, column two, displays a picture of the Subject and carries an appeal from STEVE NELSON and JIM DOLSEN for bail funds to free ALBERTSON and another co-defendant IRVING WEISSMAN.

E. Arraignment

On arraignment before Judge WILLIAM ALVAH STEWART in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 5,

1951, the Subject and his co-defendants entered pleas of not guilty to the charges contained in the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury August 23, 1951, in Criminal Action #13436.

Following return of the modified indictment by the Grand Jury on January 18, 1952, in Criminal Action #13531, the Subject and his co-defendants appeared before Judge STEWART for arraignment on May 27, 1952 and all entered pleas of not guilty.

F. Counsel of Record

The Government was represented in this case by United States Attorney EDWARD C. BOYLE, Pittsburgh; Assistant United States Attorney IRWIN SWISS, Pittsburgh; and Department Attorneys WILLIAM B. HUNDLEY and RICHARD ALFRIEND, Washington, D.C. JOHN W. McILVAINE replaced Mr. BOYLE as United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, on July 24, 1953; however, Mr. BOYLE continued to represent the Government in this case as Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

On October 14, 1952, RALPH POWE entered appearance as counsel for defendants ALBERTSON and DOLSEN.

On October 5, 1951 HYMEN SCHLESINGER, Pittsburgh Attorney, informed Judge STEWART that he would act as associate defense counsel of record for certain preliminary proceedings. SCHLESINGER also agreed to act as associate counsel of record for the purpose of accepting service for any of the defendants and for any defense counsel later selected.

On July 16, 1953, ROYAL W. FRANCE, New York attorney, obtained permission from Judge RABE F. MARSH to represent all defendants for the purpose of presenting and arguing a motion for mistrial and for a continuance until Government created prejudice against the defendants had abated.

G. Pre-Trial Motions

During 1952, numerous pre-trial motions were presented and continuances granted by Judge WILLIAM ALVAH STEWART. On November 20, 1952 Judge STEWART announced that it was necessary for him to undergo surgery and, therefore, that he was withdrawing from the trial. He continued the trial until such time as a new judge was assigned to the case and until further order of the Court.

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H. Trial and Subsequent Petitions

The "Daily Worker" of July 27, 1953 on page two, column one, carries an artitle entitled "William Albertson Tells Jury of Underground Railroad". According to this article the Subject told the jury that if the CP should be outlawed, then the Party would be forced to function in an underground manner. While testifying about his leadership of Local 16 of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union in New York, ALBERTSON stated that he was guided by Marxism which resulted in improved conditions for the union members.

The trial of the Subject and his co-defendants was ultimately begun in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, on February 24, 1953 with Judge RABE F. MARSH presiding. On August 20, 1953 the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment as to each defendant.

During cross-examination of the Subject by Special Assistant to the Attorney General EDWARD C. BOYLE on July 29, 1953, the Subject refused to answer a question concerning the identity of the members of the District Committee of the CP of Western Pennsylvania, whom he had previously testified had elected him to the position of Executive Secretary of the CP of Western Pennsylvania in 1947. After a warning by Judge MARSH that refusal to answer this question would result in a contempt citation, the Subject again refused to answer the question and he was adjudged in willful and deliberate contempt of court. Thereafter, on the same date, the Subject refused to further identify an individual named "NICK" listed by him in a written report pertaining to the 1948 CP convention of Western Pennsylvania. The Subject was again adjudged in contempt of court for refusal to answer this question. Sentence on both counts of contempt was deferred until further order of court.

On August 20, 1953, following the return of a verdict of guilty for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, the Subject was sentenced by presiding Judge RABE F. MARSH under Title 18, United States Code, Section 401, on two separate counts for contempt of court, to serve 60 days in a jail type institution on each count of the contempt charge, sentences to run concurrently. No fines or costs were imposed. Subject was immediately committed into the custody of the United States Marshal to begin serving a 60 day sentence for contempt and was confined in the Allegheny County Jail, Pittsburgh.

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On August 25, 1953, after having been found guilty for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and following a dismissal by Judge MARSH of a defense motion for a new trial and for a hearing on the issue of clear and present danger, Subject was sentenced to be imprisoned for a period of five years in a penitentiary type institution. Judge MARSH ordered that the sentence was to commence upon the Subject's release from the sentence of 60 days for contempt, imposed by the court, and which was then being served by the Subject. No fine or costs were imposed.

The records of the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, reflect that on August 28, 1953, Subject and his co-defendants filed a notice of appeal of their conviction and petitioned the court for a reduction of bail pending appeal.

On August 31, 1953 the Subject and his co-defendants filed a statement of objections and offer of proof in opposition to determination of clear and present danger.

On September 3, 1953, Judge MARSH filed a memorandum opinion and order of the court denying the defendants' petition for a reduction of bail pending appeal.

On September 9, 1953, the Subject and his co-defendants filed a petition with the United States District Court of Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, for allowance to the docket record on appeal, and to proceed in all other respects of appeal in forma pauperis. On the same date they filed an appeal with the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from the order of Judge MARSH on September 3, 1953, which denied the defendants' petition for reduction of bail pending appeal of sentence.

On October 26, 1953 the Subject, through counsel RALPH POWE, filed a motion with the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requesting "unrestricted" right to travel because ALBERTSON was of the opinion that the District Court was directed by the Circuit Court to receive $25,000 bail, but did not direct confinement of appellant to the jurisdiction of the Western District of Pennsylvania. However, in the event the above was not authorized, Subject requested permission to reside in Detroit, Michigan, after visiting in New York City which would end November 15, 1953. Records reflected a letter from the United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, opposing "unrestricted" travel, but offering no objection to the Subject's residing in Detroit, Michigan.

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On November 2, 1953, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, granted the Subject permission to travel to New York City until November 15, 1953, at which time Subject must leave New York City for Detroit, Michigan, and remain in Detroit until his appearance is required before the United States District Court of Western Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh. The Subject's permission to travel was contingent upon his advising the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh of the exact time of departure, mode of travel, and place of temporary residence in New York City.

Prior to the Subject's departure from Pittsburgh, on November 3, 1953, at 6:00 P.M., en route to New York City, the Subject advised the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh that he would reside in Apartment 2H, 1205 College Avenue, Bronx, New York, until November 15, 1953, and that his residence thereafter would be 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. MARY TUTTLE, United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, advised on November 3, 1953, that notice had been received from United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, that the time for filing of briefs on the appeal of said case by the defendants had been extended to December 17, 1953.

On December 16, 1953, the Subject filed a petition to travel with the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, requesting that authority be granted for him to travel to New York City for the period from December 16, 1953, to January 4, 1954, for the purpose of conferring with counsel and seeking employment in New York City, inasmuch as he contemplated changing his residence permanently to New York City during the early part of 1954.

In regard to the above petition to travel, the Clerk of the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised on December 17, 1953, that no additional arguments were being scheduled for that court during the two week period commencing December 20, 1953, and therefore, it was believed that the earliest possible date of argument on the Subject's travel request would be January 4, 1954.

On January 4, 1954, the Subject's attorney, RALPH POLE, appeared before the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in behalf of the Subject for the purpose of obtaining permission [redacted]

for the Subject to travel from January 23 through January 31, 1954. The original petition to travel, mentioned above, requesting permission for Subject to travel from Detroit, Michigan, to New York City on December 16, 1953, and return on or before January 4, 1954, was orally amended by Attorney RALPH POWE. The amended petition requested permission for the Subject to leave Detroit, Michigan, on January 23, 1954, to travel to Pittsburgh for five days, and then to New York City, returning to Detroit by January 31, 1954. The petition indicated that the Subject desired to confer with his co-defendants and counsel, and that he desired permission to travel to New York to confer with counsel and also to seek employment with the idea of establishing permanent residence in New York City. Subject's temporary address while in New York City was given as: In care of IRVING WEISSMAN, 1205 College Avenue, New York City.

The court ruled from the bench that it had no objection for the Subject to make the above trip in order to confer with counsel, but objected to the trip being made in order for the Subject to seek employment.

(U) T-15 advised that on January 23, 1954, around 9:00 A.M. the Subject departed from Detroit driving a 1951 black Buick sedan, 1953 New York license number 8C7288, driving toward Toledo, Ohio.

It is noted that on February 1 and 2, 1954 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed as a spectator at the Smith Act trials in Detroit.

(U) T-16 advised that during the intervals when the Subject was in Pittsburgh in connection with the Pittsburgh Smith Act Trial, in which he was a defendant, the Subject was on numerous occasions in contact with leaders of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the CRC, as well as members of District 5, CP, discussing various matters, including those pertaining to the defense of the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants.

On January 25, 1954 it was learned through the United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, that Attorney RALPH POWE advised on February 1, 1954 he will present a motion in the United States Court of Appeals, Third District, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, seeking permission for the Subject to establish permanent residence in New York City. POWE further advised that he would at that time file consent of ALBERTSON's surety, SAUL GROSSMAN, to the above change.

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On December 15, 1953, it was ascertained through the United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, that the filing of appeal briefs with the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, for the Subject and his co-defendants in the Pittsburgh Smith Act Trial had been postponed until March 1, 1954.

IV. STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SUBJECT INDICATING ADHERENCE TO AND FURTHERANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNISM

On August 25, 1953, the Subject made the following statement in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, immediately prior to his sentencing for violation of the Smith Act of 1940:

> "If the Court please, with all of the so-called evidence placed into the record by the prosecution, and with everything else that has gone on in this trial from its inception, I can only state that my intent more than twenty-seven years ago in joining the Communist movement was an intent to participate with the people and to help organize the people as strong as possible, as one of its purposes to be able as a result of its strength and power to contain the force and violence that the economic royalists from time to time bring on the heads of the people. That's one of the reasons that I remained part of the Communist movement in this country; and that, amongst other reasons, is one of the reasons that I intend to remain part of the Communist and labor movement in this country of ours.
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> "There is nothing that's happened in this trial that can show me or show anybody else that any sentence which this Court may impose upon me or my co-defendants is a sentence which is going to accomplish what Mr. Boyle perhaps, and many other anti-democratic forces in this country, want to accomplish.
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> "The Court can place a body in jail, but you can not jail ideas. History has proved that. There have been many people with ideas who have been placed in jail, but the ideas do not go there with them, the ideas stay amongst the people. And I hope that there will not come a time in this country, like came in Germany, when they succeeded partially in placing democratic ideas in jail by

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"placing into jail a large section of the German population. I don't think we are going to reach that situation in this country, because I think the American people generally have learned the lesson of Germany and are not going to permit that to be repeated in this country.

"So that I believe that the objective in this case of the prosecution has not been accomplished, because it cannot be accomplished. You cannot place ideas, you cannot place — not generally only ideas, you cannot place a philosophy, a science, on trial. That has been attempted many times in history, and every time, even though somebody went to jail, the objective failed. Even in the Scopes trial, just a short number of years ago, regardless of how that trial ended, Darwin's theory of evolution is the theory which predominates in biological science throughout the world. And what was on trial here was the science of Marxism-Leninism, and you just cannot put on trial half of the population of the world who follow the science of Marxism-Leninism. That is an impossibility and will not be accomplished.

"I might say, in conclusion, that in my mind at least the verdict that was brought in by the jury some five days ago was a foregone conclusion. It was a foregone conclusion because this jury, like other juries in Smith Act cases, had the white klieg lights of publicity on them. Yes, the jury is isolated in a certain sense. They are isolated by the forces of reaction, who put these klieg lights on them and dare them to bring in a fair verdict — they dare them to do that. And certainly in a city like Pittsburgh, and an area like Western Pennsylvania, where this community has the experience of over one hundred people losing their jobs, their livelihood, by the activities of one Cvetic, can we expect this jury or any jury in these times to face their employers, to face their business associates, to face some of the people in their communities, and say, "Well, you certainly gave the Communists a break," and then expect them not to be run out of town or expect them not to lose their jobs, or expect them not to lose some of their clients or some of their business associates, and so forth. And in this respect I say that that is where the major responsibility lies for the fact that a fair trial was impossible. And I would like

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"the Court myself, as an aside, to take judicial notice of the fact that the American Bar Association today -- in session today, this minute -- is considering just this question in the city of Boston, as to the effect of public prejudice and newspapers on the possibilities of fair trial.

"But this jury itself cannot be absolved from that fact that not a single person on that jury had the intestinal fortitude to stand up and defend the Bill of Rights, to defend that Bill of Rights by saying that "These defendants here, I perhaps may oppose their ideas and their philosophy and their scientific approach, oppose everything they say and do, but the Bill of Rights says they have a right to do so, and my job as a juror is to protect them in their rights." And if all juries and all people in America would approach problems of this kind in the same way, then we may be moving in the path of Germany. But I have confidence in the American people that we will not be moving in that path, regardless of what this jury or any other jury has done or may do in the immediate future. The American people, I have confidence, in its majority will soon realize that when you take away the rights of the Communists, as Justice Robert Jackson said, you are automatically taking away the rights of those who are not Communists, you are depriving them of their rights under the Bill of Rights.

"This is all I have to say to the Court at the present moment; and in full cognizance of the fact that, although the sentence of this Court may place me in jail, that the ideas which I have espoused for over twenty-seven years will continue to grow, will continue to bear fruit amongst the American people, and already are beginning to be realized in the fact that many more people in this country, thousands more than five or six years ago, have joined the camp of democracy and are fighting to retain the democratic rights which the American people were granted many years ago before."

(U) V. MISCELLANEOUS

On December 21, 1953 T-3 stated that the Subject received an air mail letter daily with the return address of PERLICK, [redacted] b6 b7C

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The Brooklyn Address Telephone Directory reflects that WALLACE PERLICK presently resides at [redacted]

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T-17 stated in June 1949 that a telegram dated June 5, 1949 was sent from BLOSSOM PERLICK and WILLIAM PERLICK to Judge HAROLD MEDINA protesting his conduct of the trial of the CP leaders over which he was then presiding in the Southern District of New York.

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T-18 advised on December 2, 1953 that BLOSSOM PERLICK, [redacted], was a subscriber to "The Worker".

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On November 11, 1953 T-2 advised that on the ninth day of that month he had been told that FRANCINE ALBERTSON, the Subject's wife, stated that she had been expelled for anti-Party activities three months ago. She continued that the Subject had been placed on suspension and his expulsion was to follow immediately. The charge was "degeneration" or more specifically "keeping company with too many women". He was stated to have been caught in bed with Detroit CP member ZINA BRANDI and to have been also involved in an affair in Philadelphia. The CP feels that this might render ALBERTSON vulnerable to an approach.

The Informant also stated that he had heard that both [redacted] and [redacted] sons of the Subject, have resigned from the CP youth movement.

FRANCINE ALBERTSON had also stated that since the Subject was going to jail, she and her family were being cut off by the CP "without a red cent"

T-19 on January 13, 1954 stated that he had attended a CP meeting several days ago at which a report of the State Committee had been read concerning FRANCINE ALBERTSON's expulsion from the CP.

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According to the records of the Wayne County Clerk, the Subject's mother, ESTHER ALBERTSON, resides at 6612 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania.

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(U) T-2, [redacted]	11/4/53 11/9/53	11/5/53 11/11/53	SA FRED G. COOK	Orally (U)
(U) T-3, [redacted] (neighborhood contact)	11/20/53 12/21/53	11/20/53 12/21/53	SA [redacted] SA NICHOLAS D. HARREL	Oral (U) Oral
(U) T-4, [redacted] who furnished information from the bank's records re: distribution of funds by the CP, USA to various CP organizations and individuals (deemed advisable)	Unknown	Unknown	SA [redacted] (orally)	100-577-659,p26 (U)
(U) T-5, Fisur by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] SA [redacted] SA [redacted] on 11/26/53.				
(U) T-6, [redacted]	12/11/53 2/53 (U)	12/11/53 2/53 (U)		
(U) T-7, [redacted]	12/24/53 (U)	12/23/53 (U)		

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(U) T-9,	4/21/52 (U)	4/30/52 (U)	SA	100-19056-159 (U)
(U) T-10, DE 392-S	5/15/52 (U)	5/15/52 (U)		
(U) T-11,	11/22/52 (U)	11/24/52 (U)	SA	(U)
(U) T-12,	11/16/52 (U) 11/7/52 (U)	11/19/52 (U) 11/12/52 (U)	SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE "	(U)
(U) T-13,	7/51 (U)	1/23/53 (U)	SA	100-1221-1B13-69 (U)
(U) T-14,	Characterization of SAUL GROSSMAN.			
(U) T-15, (U) Fisur by SA on 1/23/54	SA and SA			
(U) T-16,	1952-53	(U) 10/13,14, 18;11/6,10; 12/5/52;4/28; 6/53.		
T-17, Miss E. GOSMAN, Secretary to Judge HAROLD MEDINA (deemed advisable)	6/5/49	6/49	SA	(U) 100-85800-3807-1B1639

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(U) T-19, [redacted] (C)	1/11/54 (C) (U)	1/13/54 (C) (U)	SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Oral (C) (U)	

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LEADS

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York:

Will identify owner of 1951 Black Buick Sedan, 1953 New York license number 8C7288.

THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

Will continue to maintain contact with the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh in order to report on the Subject's appeal to the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan:

Will continue to follow and report activities of the Subject.

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REFERENCE

Supplemental Prosecutive Summary Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, September 29, 1952.

Report of SA [redacted] Detroit, July 17, 1953.

Report of SA PAUL L. SCOTT, Pittsburgh, October 23, 1953, captioned "COMPROS - PITTSBURGH; WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was; BENJAMIN LOWELL CARRUTHERS, was.; JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, was.; STEVE NELSON, was.; ANDREW RUDOLPH OND..; IRVING WEISSMAN, was.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SMITH ACT OF 1940; CONTEMPT OF COURT."

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Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, January 14, 1954.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI PITTSBURGH 4/9/54 5:30 PM EST

DIRECTOR

WILLIAM C ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA OF 1940. AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] PITTSBURGH, ADVISED TODAY THAT HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM SUBJECT POSTMARKED AT NEW YORK CITY WHICH STATES IN SUBSTANCE THAT SUBJECT IS RESIDING AT APARTMENT 2 H, 1205 COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK. INFORMATION FURNISHED USA IN COMPLIANCE WITH COURT ORDER.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 5/5/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-5604)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Reference report SA [redacted] 2/19/54 at Detroit.

According to the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the State of New York, the owner of the black Buick sedan bearing 1953 New York license number 8C7288, is ARLINE A. BERSON, [redacted]

According to the records of this agency, the car registered is a 1949 Buick sedan and not a 1951 Buick sedan, as indicated in referenced report.

Files of the New York Office contain no further information regarding BERSON except that previously set forth in a Detroit communication indicating that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was seen on 1/23/54 in a Buick sedan bearing the afore-mentioned 1953 license plates.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, an investigation has been initiated on ARLINE BERSON in an effort to definitely establish her identity and to determine her identity. This investigation to date has indicated that BERSON was in Detroit from November, 1953 to January, 1954 and is believed to have been married while there. It is noted that there is presently an outstanding lead for the Detroit Office to review marriage records at Detroit to ascertain the details of BERSON's marriage.

There is no other information in the files of the New York Office on BERSON. RUC.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, PITTSBURGH 6/4/54 9:00 A.M. DST

DIRECTOR, FBI, SACS NY, DETROIT, AND PHILA.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WAS, IS-C, SA 40. REMYAIRTEL, 6/1/54, CAPTIONED COMPROS, PITTSBURGH, IS-C. AUSA [redacted] WDPA, ADVISED 6/3/54 THAT HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SUBJECT WHICH IN SUBSTANCE SET FORTH THAT THE SUBJECT COULD BE LOCATED AT APT. 2H, 1205 COLLEGE AVE., NYC, DURING HIS TRAVEL GRANTED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS, PHILA., PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TO PHILA., PA.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: June 21, 1954

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-16560)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Rebulet to WFO, June 8, 1953, captioned "HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES" setting forth policy to be followed in connection with the handling of HCUA testimony.

During the recent Detroit HCUA hearings, above-captioned individual was described as active in the CP or related activities.

A check of the Detroit Office indices reflects that captioned individual is the subject of a pending investigation by this office. He is on SI and CI, and a summary report dated February 19, 1954 has been submitted to the Bureau.

All pertinent information furnished concerning Subject during the above hearings will be incorporated in the next investigative report, and no further action is being recommended at this time.

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On the same day, June 14, 1956, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Pittsburgh, advised our Pittsburgh Office that he had received a copy of an order issued by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, granting Albertson's petition to change his residence from Detroit, Michigan, to New York City.

Our Pittsburgh Office has been instructed to make available to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] the information furnished to our New York Office by [redacted] Lehman relative to the circumstances under which Albertson secured employment in New York City. No further action is contemplated in this matter. b6 b7C

Attention SAC, Pittsburgh:

In the event such action has not already been taken, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] should be advised of the circumstances under which Albertson obtained employment in New York City. The Bureau should be promptly advised of any action contemplated by [redacted]

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[redacted] - PITTSBURGH; IS - C. [redacted] AIR-TEL 6/3/54. [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] ALLEGATION [redacted] BY [redacted] ON 6/11/54. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: July 6, 1954

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-16560)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Card U.T.D. 7-14-54 eto

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 1227 East 49th Street
Brooklyn, New York

Business Address: Bruce McLynn Bedding Company
3607 Avenue S
Brooklyn, New York

Check the following applicable statements:

x This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
x This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The New York Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
x This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
x This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
x This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
x Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
x A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
x A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

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cc: Mr. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General

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Smith Act of 1940
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 17, 1954.

On June 22, 1954, Leo Kleinman advised our New York Office that Albertson had reported to Kleinman's shop each day for a few minutes except on Friday, June 18, 1954, and Sunday, June 20, 1954.

On June 22, 1954, Albertson advised Kleinman that he expects to have his other job by the week end of June 26, 1954. He further advised that he had rented an apartment at 1227 East 10th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and expected to move in on June 26, 1954.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: July 6, 1954

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-16560)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
INTERNAL SECURITY-C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

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Residence Address: [redacted]

Business Address: [redacted]

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - C ~~SMITH ACT OF 1940~~

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject now residing in New York City and receiving salary, as a salesman, from Bruce McLynn Bedding Company, 3607 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York. Informant has advised that contrary to earlier reports Subject has not been expelled from CP, but merely reduced in rank. Article in Detroit newspaper published June 24, 1954, described ALBERTSON as Secretary-Treasurer, Michigan CP. U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit convened 6-9-54, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to hear oral arguments on appeal of Subject and co-appellants from conviction under the SMITH ACT of 1940. No date for possible decision set out by court.

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DETAILS:

Unless otherwise indicated, all Informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

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On June 8, 1954, [T-1] of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with the Subject advised that one BENNIE MINTER of Local 140 Furniture Workers

AGENCY [redacted]
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. 7/11/54
HOW FORW. [redacted]
BY [redacted]

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Union, New York, had contacted the owner of Bruce McLynn Bedding Company, 3607 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York, and had asked the owner to give the Subject a job so ALBERTSON could come to New York. MINTER said ALBERTSON would receive $60 per week, which the "Union" would take care of, and would also take care of taxes and social security for ALBERTSON. The owner of Bruce McLynn Bedding Company then wrote a letter to ALBERTSON as dictated by MINTER, stating the offer of this job, and personally handed it to the Subject at that time.

The Informant subsequently advised that ALBERTSON stated he would be a salesman for the Bruce McLynn Bedding Company and would stop by the shop every morning for a few minutes. The Informant further advised that the Subject left the address of 1205 College Avenue, Bronx, where he could be contacted. It is noted that this isthe address of IRVING WEISSMAN, who was tried and convicted under the Smith Act with the Subject.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND RELATED GROUPS

A. COMMUNIST PARTY

It is noted that the Communist Party, herinafter referred to as the CP, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

1. Activities and Positions Held in CP

The January 28, 1953, second blue streak edition of the Detroit News, a daily Detroit newspaper, on page 18, column 1 carried an article captioned "City's Longshoremen Spike Reds." This article reflects that the President of Local 1324 International Longshoremen's Association had received a folder from the CP with instructions. One of the instructions read, "See to it that you personally, and your organization, send a sizeable contribution to the Provisional Committee to Defend the Trucks Act, 1432 Griswold, as part of the $25,000 necessary to carry this fight through the United States Supreme Court, and to win." The folder bore the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary of the Michigan CP.

It is noted that the Trucks Act, as upheld by the Supreme Court, would require all Communists in the State of Michigan to register with the State Police.

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(U) [T-2] on December 21, 1953, stated that contrary to earlier reports, the Subject had not been expelled from the CP, but merely reduced in rank.

(U) On February 24, 1954, [T-3] furnished a letter postmarked September 16, 1953, containing the letterhead of the Allegheny County Jail, Ross Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, sent from the Subject to BOB TRAVIS, Route 1, Armada, Michigan.

It is noted that ROBERT TRAVIS is the common-law husband of HELEN TRAVIS, Writer for the "Michigan Edition- The Worker." The "Michigan Edition- The Worker" is the Michigan edition of the "Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper. It is further noted that the Subject was incarcerated pending a bail hearing in connection with the Smith Act trial in Pittsburgh, where he was a co-defendant.

Pertinent parts of the above letter are as follows:

_ _ _ _ "Very glad to have received your letter and the first hand report of the developments in Cuba. Isn't it significant that in colonial and semi-colonial countries the students are always in the forefront of all struggles, together with the working-class; whereas in imperialist countries that is not so. But, of course, it need not be that way in imperialist lands either. It only created another problem for an already over burdened youth movement. I remember during the latter 30's when the workers of the National Hotel in Havana were in a long drawn out strike. In the name of my hotel union in New York I sent a cable of greetings to the strikers and a demand to the government for a settlement. A week later the strike was settled. A few weeks after that a delegation from the union there came to see me in N.Y. They gave me a present (rum) with a printed inscription of thanks which I still have. They told me that my cable helped settle their strike (?). Anway, Cuba is so vulnerable to America's progressive pressure, that any decent movement here could help free the incarcerated and save that country from fascist tyranny. And who wants a fascist country, even a little one, at our back door?

"Our bail hearing is this Thursday 9/17. Soon we will know if my net worth has been reduced. If not, then the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the U.S. Attorney at the Federal Bldg. in Pittsburgh might be told what my real worth is." _ _ _ _

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The June 24, 1954, edition of the Detroit Free Press, a daily newspaper published in Detroit, on page 4, column 5 contains an article captioned, "State Reds to Appeal OK of Act." It reflects that the Michigan CP would appeal to the State Supreme Court the Circuit Court ruling that the Tricks Act is constitutional. The article continued that the Michigan CP, headed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, secretary-treasurer, sought to void the Act on grounds that it deprives members of their rights of "free speech and free discussion of their political beliefs."

B. Civil Rights Congress

It is noted that the Civil Rights Congress, hereinafter referred to as the CRC, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, of November 6, 1953, on page 3, column 1, reports that the Subject, along with STEVE NELSON and IRVING WEISSMAN, would be guest of honor at a dinner to be held that night at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. Reservations were available through the New York CRC.

(U) According to informant [T-4] approximately 300 persons attended the 8th Anniversary Dinner of the CRC held at Yugoslav Hall, New York City on April 9, 1954. The subject made the collection speech at the aforementioned dinner and spoke about "the frame trials" and urged the people to fight for "amnesty for the victims of the Smith Act." The subject stated, according to the informant, that the CRC is only 8 years old, but that "the CRC is much older because the CRC is carrying the tradition of over 200 years of struggle for the protection of civil rights."

(U) [T-4] further advised that approximately $1000 was collected on the subject's call for donations.

from execution from the Governor of California, was played.

III. FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

It is noted that in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 25, 1953, after having been found guilty of violation of the Smith Act of 1940, the Subject was sentenced to be imprisoned for a period of five years in a penetentiary type institution.

On June 9, 1954, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, convened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to hear oral arguments on appeal of Subject and his co-appellants.

Prior to oral arguments on appeal, Counsel RALPH POWE presented a request to the Circuit Court for authorization of the Subject to change employment from Detroit to New York City. POWE advised the court that he would furnish to it an affidavit to show that the job tendered to ALBERTSON was legitimate. The appellants were represented in oral argument by THOMAS D. MC BRIDE, Chief Defense Counsel, Philadelphia Smith Act trial; FRANK DONNER, New York City; and RALPH POWE, Pittsburgh Smith Act trial.

MC BRIDE argued the question of admissibility of evidence; DONNER argued on constitutional grounds, on the clear and present danger doctrine and inability of defendants to secure fair trial because of prejudicial atmosphere; POWE argued on validity of challenge to jury array. Oral arguments on behalf of Government were presented by MALCOLM ANDERSON, Asistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh. Arguments were taken under advisement by Circuit Court, and no date for a possible decision was set out by the Court.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

(U) On April 5, 1954, [T-5] advised that one copy each of the April 2, 1954, issue of, "For a Lasting Peace; For a Peoples Democracy" had been addressed to Dr. CAMP WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 2419 West Grand River, Detroit. The former address is the Subject's former residence and the latter address is that of the Detroit CP Headquarters. It is noted that instant publication has been declared non-mailable by the Solicitor of the United States Post Office.

(U) On April 17, 1954, [T-6] advised that the following name and telephone number was contained in the records maintained by New County Publishers, "Political Affairs" and "Masses and Mainstream:" BILL ALBERTSON, Woodward 1-9894.

The 1954 Detroit Telephone Directory lists this telephone number to the CP of Michigan, 2519 Grand River.

It is noted that New Centry Publishers has been identified by JOHN LAUTNER, former CP functionary, as being the pamphlet publishing house of the CP, USA. He also advised that "Political Affairs" is the theoretical organ of the CP, USA, while "Masses and Mainstream" is the cultural organ.

(U) [redacted] has advised that ESTHER ALBERTSON, the Subject's mother, left Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for New York on June 26, 1954. According to the Informant, ESTHER has a job in New York, but indicated she would return to Pittsburgh frequently.

ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK:

Parole report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated October 23, 1953.
Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated March 24, 1950.
Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated December 22, 1949.
Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated October 19, 1949.
Report of SA JOSEPH P. SKELLY, Pittsburgh, September 2, 1949.
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Reference Chicago letter to Director, captioned, "Communist Party, USA Organization," dated February 10, 1954, and Chicago letter to Detroit, instant caption, dated March 15, 1954.

Inasmuch as information contained in referenced letters is only known among the top few people in the leadership of the CP, and was obtained by a highly placed informant, it was not deemed advisable to include same in the details of this report, which will be disseminated outside the Bureau.

The following information was orally obtained by SA [redacted] from [redacted] CG-5824-S, of known reliability, on February 1, 1954: b6 b7C

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(U) Although no public announcement has been made of ALBERTSON's expulsion, because he is on trial, both the Subject and his wife have been expelled from the CP. The charges against ALBERTSON included, the following: Lying to the Party, Immorality, Disloyalty, and Unfit to be a CP member.

(U)

On March 5, 1954, CG-5824-S orally advised SA [redacted] that he had obtained additional information concerning the Party status of the Subject and his wife in late September 1954. In one of ALBERTSON's "moods" he reportedly had written to his wife a letter which she subsequently turned over to the CP. In that letter he confessed his infidelity, and also admitted that he had absconded with a couple thousand dollars of the Party funds. He also admitted borrowing several thousands of dollars from a person in Pittsburgh, which money he obtained allegedly for Party use, but which he abstracted.

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After her divorce from the Subject, FRANCINE ALBERTSON went to the CP with the above described letter. The Party placed the case in the hands of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN for disposition. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN told FRANCINE ALBERTSON that her marital troubles were a personal matter and at the insistence of ELIZABETH FLYNN, FRANCINE was subsequently charged with being "anti-Party" and with having white chauvinistic tendencies. She was later secretly expelled from the Party.

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The expulsion of WILLIAM ALBERTSON is a closely guarded inner secret known only to the highest officials of the CP, and will not be published or even admitted by the CP, because he, (ALBERTSON) is a Smith Act victim. The Informant added that even FRANCINE ALBERTSON may be unaware (U) of the Subject's expulsion.

Reference is also made to supplemental summary report of SA [redacted] dated February 19, 1954, at Detroit, wherein a lead is set forth to New York to identify the owner of a 1951 Black Buick Sedan, 1953 New York license number 807289. u

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Investigation by the New York Office has identified this individual as ARLINE BERSON, [redacted] That Office has requested Bureau authority to interview BERSON. u

LEADS

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(U) Will complete documentation for Informants, T-1, ~~T-4~~, T-6, and T-7 and submit an amended administrative page.

THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Will continue to maintain contact with the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh, in order to report on the Subject's appeal to the United States 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. u

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE NO. WHERE LOCATED
T-1 [redacted] Brooklyn, NY (Deemed advisable)	Info re subject's employment	6/8,14-25/54	SA [redacted]	NY 65-5604-348
(U) T-2 [redacted]	1953 (U)	December 21, 1953	SA FRED G. COOK (oral)	(U) [redacted]
(U) T-3 Anonymous source				
(U) T-4 NY 384-S	April 9, 1954; CRC 8th Anniv. dinner, NYC	(U) 4/19/54	(U) SA [redacted]	(U) [redacted]
T-5 Mr. ANDY BRASK, Claims and Inquiry Section, US Post Office, Detroit (Deemed advisable)	April 2, 1954	April 5, 1954	SA [redacted] (Oral)	100-16560 1690
(U) T-6 Anonymous source				
(U) T-7 PG 133-S*	June 26, 1954	(U) June 26, 1954	(U)	

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The June 24, 1954, edition of the Detroit Free Press, a daily newspaper published in Detroit, on page 4, column 5 contains an article captioned, "State Reds to Appeal OK of Act." It reflects that the Michigan CP would appeal to the State Supreme Court the Circuit Court ruling that the Trucks Act is constitutional. The article continued that the Michigan CP, headed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, secretary-treasurer, sought to void the Act on grounds that it deprives members of their rights of "free speech and free discussion of their political beliefs."

B. Civil Rights Congress

It is noted that the Civil Rights Congress, hereinafter referred to as the CRC, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, of November 6, 1953, on page 3, column 1, reports that the Subject, along with STEVE NELSON and IRVING WEISSMAN, would be guest of honor at a dinner to be held that night at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. Reservations were available through the New York CRC.

(U) According to Informant [T-4, T-5, T-6, and T-7,] approximately 300 persons attended the eighth anniversary CRC dinner held April 9, 1954, at Yugoslav Hall 504 West 41st Street, New York City. The collection speech, which was believed to have raised approximately $1,000, was handled by the Subject. Greetings from MORTON SOBELL, convicted espionage subject, were delivered by his wife, and a recorded interview with WESLEY ROBERT WELLS, California Negro prison inmate, recently granted a reprieve from execution by the Governor of California, was played.

(U) The discrepancy of the address of the Yugoslav Hall in New York City as furnished by [T-4, T-5, T-6, and T-7] and as reflected in above article of the "Daily Worker" is noted.

III. FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

It is noted that in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on August 25, 1953, after having been found guilty of violation of the Smith Act of 1940, the Subject was sentenced to be imprisoned for a period of five years in a penitentiary type institution.

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On June 9, 1954, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, convened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to hear oral arguments on appeal of Subject and his co-appellants.

Prior to oral arguments on appeal, Counsel RALPH POWE presented a request to the Circuit Court for authorization of the Subject to change employment from Detroit to New York City. POWE advised the court that he would furnish to it an affidavit to show that the job tendered to ALBERTSON was legitimate. The appellants were represented in oral argument by THOMAS D. MC BRIDE, Chief Defense Counsel, Philadelphia Smith Act trial; FRANK DONNER, New York City; and RALPH POWE, Pittsburgh Smith Act trial.

MC BRIDE argued the question of admissibility of evidence; DONNER argued on constitutional grounds, on the clear and present danger doctrine and inability of defendants to secure fair trial because of prejudicial atmosphere; POWE argued on validity of challenge to jury array. Oral arguments on behalf of Government were presented by MALCOLN ANDERSON, Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh. Arguments were taken under advisement by Circuit Court, and no date for a possible decision was set out by the Court.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

(U) On April 5, 1954, [T-8] advised that one copy each of the April 2, 1954, issue of, "For a Lasting Peace; For a Peoples Democracy" had been addressed to Dr. CARL WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 1449 Collingwood, Detroit, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 2419 West Grand River, Detroit. The former address is the Subject's former residence and the latter address is that of the Detroit CP Headquarters. It is noted that instant publication has been declared non-mailable by the Solicitor of the United States Post Office.

(U) On April 17, 1954, [T-9] advised that the following name and telephone number was contained in the records maintained by New Century Publishers, "Political Affairs" and "Masses and Mainstream: BILL ALBERTSON, Woodward 1-9894.

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The 1954 Detroit Telephone Directory lists this telephone number to the CP of Michigan, 2419 Grand River. u

It is noted that New Century Publishers has been identified by JOHN LAUTNER, former CP functionary, as being the pamphlet publishing house of the CP, USA. He also advised that "Political Affairs" is the theoretical organ of the CP, USA, while "Masses and Mainstream" is the cultural organ. u

(U) T-10 has advised that ESTHER ALBERTSON, the Subject's mother, left Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for New York on June 26, 1954. According to the Informant, ESTHER has a job in New York, but indicated she would return to Pittsburgh frequently.

ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK:

Parole report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated October 23, 1953.

Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated March 24, 1950.

Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated December 22, 1949.

Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated October 19, 1949.

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(U) T-1 [redacted] (Deemed advisable)	June 3, 1954	June 8, 1954	Unknown	Unknown
T-2 [redacted] (U)	1953	December 21, 1953	SA FRED G. COOK (oral)	134-82R-88
(U) T-3 Anonymous Source				
T-4 NY 384-S (U)	April 9, 1954	April 12, 1954	[redacted]	Unknown
T-5 [redacted] (U)	April 9, 1954	April 12, 1954		Unknown
T-6 [redacted] (U)	April 9, 1954	April 12, 1954		Unknown
T-7 [redacted] (U)	April 9, 1954	April 12, 1954		Unknown
(U) T-8 Mr. ANDY BRASK Claims and Inquiry Section, U.S. Post Office, Detroit (Deemed Advisable)	April 2, 1954	April 5, 1954	SA [redacted] (Oral)	100-16560 1690
(U) T-9 Anonymous Source				
T-10 PG 133-S* (U)	June 26, 1954	June 26, 1954		

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940

(U) SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject's residence at 1227 E. 49 St., Brooklyn, NY verified. Subject advised [T-5] on 7/26/54 and [T-6] on 9/13/54 that he was employed at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Fourth Ave., NYC.

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BACKGROUND

Residence

[T-1] of unknown reliability but who is in a position (U) to furnish reliable information, advised that the subject answered an apartment for rent advertisement in the "Brooklyn Eagle" newspaper on approximately June 13, 1954 for an apartment in the basement at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

(U) [T-1] further stated that on that date the subject rented the aforementioned apartment after signing a one-year lease with a Mr. STUART HYMAN, owner of the residence at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York. T-1 further advised that on approximately June 27, 1954, the subject took occupancy of the aforementioned apartment and that a few days later, the subject's mother came to live with him and has so resided until the present time.

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(U) [T-2] of known reliability, advised during July and August, 1954 that the subject and a woman named ESTHER BAUM, who also uses the name ESTHER ALBERTSON, have been residing in a basement apartment at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

(U) [T-3] of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, stated that the woman living with the subject at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York has stated to the informant that she is the subject's mother.

(U) [T-3] further advised that the subject's mother further identified herself as a Registered Nurse and masseuse who formerly worked in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(U) [T-3] stated that the subject's mother has been unable to obtain a license to practice in New York and is, at the present time, unemployed.

Employment

(U) [T-1], mentioned above, stated that the subject had advised in the early part of June, 1954 that he, the subject, was employed at the Bruce Mc Lynn Bedding Company, 3607 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York, and that as far as the informant knows, the subject is still so employed.

(U) [T-4], of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with the subject, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was employed at the Bruce Mc Lynn Bedding Company, 3607 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York from June 14, 1954 until June 25, 1954. [T-4] stated he was unable to furnish any information concerning the subject's present employment.

(U) [T-5], of known reliability, advised that [redacted]

(U) [T-5] further advised that [redacted]

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(U) The information furnished above by T-5 cannot be made public except after the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

(U) T-6, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on September 13, 1954 that WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated that he was presently working at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The only additional information T-6 could furnish was that ALBERTSON had stated that he could be contacted next week (September 20-27, 1954) at his residence phone number, Es 7-6198 as he would not at that time be at his employment.

Health Status

No information has been developed during the course of this investigation which might indicate the subject is not in good health.

MISCELLANEOUS

(U) T-1 and T-3, mentioned above, were unable to furnish any information concerning possible subversive or Communist activity on the part of the subject.

(U) T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, T-14, and T-15, all of known reliability, and each of whom are familiar with some aspect of Communist Party activity in the New York area were unable to furnish any information concerning the subject's present activities.

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(U) T-1 [redacted] office address: 2611 W. 2 St., Brooklyn, NY (deemed advisable)	subject's residence, employment, and activities (U)	8/10,12, 13,19; 9/2,9/54	SA [redacted] Instant report (orally)	b6 b7C b7D
(U) T-2 HYMAN GOLDSMITH, USPO #34 Carrier (R #9) Ryder St. Station, Brooklyn, NY	subject's residence	7/28/54	SA [redacted]	65-5604-348
		8/19/54	SA [redacted] Instant Report	b6 b7C
(U) T-3 [redacted] (deemed advisable)	subject's residence and activity	9/9/54	"	"
(U) T-4 [redacted] business address: Bruce Mc Lynn Bedding Co., 3607 Avenue S, Brooklyn, NY	subject's employment	6/14-25/54	SA [redacted]	65-5604-348

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(U) T-5 Mr. R. M. ROUNDS, Manager, Manufacturers Trust Co., 1987 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY (official position)	background info concerning subject	8/19/54	SA [redacted]	Instant report
(U) T-6 Pretext telephone call to Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Fourth Ave., NYC (telephone # Gr 302845)	subject's employment	9/13/54	"	"
(U) T-7 [redacted]	negative	(U) 7/23/54	SA [redacted]	"
	"	(U) 8/6/54	"	"
(U) T-8 NY 694-S	"	(U) 7/23/54 8/6/54	" "	" "
(U) T-9 [redacted]	"	(U) 7/15/54	SA [redacted]	65-5604-348
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(U) T-11 ~~C~~	negative u	(U) ~~C~~ 7/15/54	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	65-5604-348 u
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(U) T-12 ~~C~~	"	(U) ~~C~~ 7/15/54	"	65-5604-348 u
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(U) T-13 ~~C~~	"	(U) ~~C~~ 8/12/54	"	"
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 8/24/54 at Detroit. u

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Title WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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Synopsis

Subject was residing on 8/10/54, in basement apartment at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Motion presented by RALPH POWE, subject's attorney, in U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., on 2/1/54, requesting authority for subject to reside permanently in New York City, which motion was denied by Court Order dated 2/2/54. Date for filing of briefs by subject and co-defendants in support of their appeal in Pittsburgh Smith Act case ultimately set by court to be on or before 4/15/54. Motion again presented to Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, on 6/9/54, prior to oral arguments on the appeal in behalf of subject, requesting authority to change residence and employment to New York City, which court granted by order dated 6/10/54. Oral arguments in Pittsburgh Smith Act trial appeal heard by full banc of judges before U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, on 6/9/54 and arguments taken under advisement with no date set for decision by the court.

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DETAILS:

I BACKGROUND

A. RESIDENCE

T-1, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the neighborhood, advised on August 10, 1954, that the subject had been residing in a single basement apartment at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., since approximately June 20, 1954, and that the subject had signed a years lease for said apartment.

II FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

The United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that a "motion to reopen the order permitting travel" by the subject, which order was originally issued by the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., on November 2, 1953, had been prepared by the United States Attorney and transmitted on January 21, 1954, to the United States Attorney at Philadelphia for filing with the Circuit Court of Appeals. This "motion to reopen order permitting travel" of the subject requested that the Court reopen the travel order made on November 2, 1953, inasmuch as the motion of the subject upon which the travel order was based, did not have attached the consent of the surety on his bond and that the absence of the consent of the surety to the change in the condition of the bond might operate to exonerate the surety.

In view of the above, the petitioner requested that an order be issued by the Court directing the subject to file with the clerk, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the consent of the surety on his bond to the change in the condition of the bond, said consent to be under seal or in the alternative, to vacate the order of November 2, 1953.

On January 22, 1954, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, ordered that the subject file with the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the consent of the surety on his bond to the change in the condition in his bond effected by the travel order entered by the Court on the motion of said defendant on November 2, 1953, said consent to be under seal.

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[redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, advised on January 25, 1954, that the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh was in receipt of a letter dated January 23, 1954, from RALPH POWE, attorney for the subject, in which POWE stated that he was thereby advising the United States Attorney's Office that on February 1, 1954, he would present a motion in the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, seeking permision for WILLIAM ALBERTSON to establish permanent residence in New York, N. Y. POWE further advised that he would file the consent of ALBERTSON's surety, SAUL GROSSMAN, to the above change of residence. ANDERSON further advised that POWE's letter further confirmed that FRANCINE had secured a divorce from the subject in the Circuit Court of Wayne County, Michigan, on January 5, 1954, and that she had been awarded custody of their child.

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By letter dated January 27, 1954, United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, furnished a copy of an answer to ALBERTSON's motion to change his legal residence which was filed with the Court. This "answer to motion to change legal residence" requested the Court to deny the subject's motion for change of legal residence inasmuch as the apellant had previously been granted permission to travel to New York City for the sole purpose of consulting with his counsel but nothing within this motion alleged that changing his legal residence had any bearing on his appeal, and that the motion was beyond the purpose and concept of a grant of bail pending an appeal from a conviction.

Mr. W. WILSON WHITE, United States Attorney, Philadelphia, advised that RALPH POWE, subject's attorney, had on February 1, 1954, presented a motion in behalf of the subject in the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, requesting authority for the subject to reside permanently in New York.

On February 2, 1954, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, entered an order denying the subject's motion for authority to change his legal residence from Detroit, Michigan, to New York.

On February 15, 1954, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, ordered that the apellents file their briefs in support of their appeals on or before April 1, 1954; that the appellee file its answering brief on or before May 21, 1954, and that the case would be set down for oral arguments on Monday, June 7, 1954.

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On March 22, 1954, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, issued an order that the time for filing of appellents' briefs in said case had been extended to April 15, 1954; that the time for filing of appellee's brief was extended to May 31, 1954; and that oral arguments would be heard on June 7, 1954.

[redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, advised on March 29, 1954, that he had received notice from the attorneys for appellents that they would present a motion in the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, on April 5, 1954, requesting an order authorizing STEVE NELSON, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, and JAMES HULSE DOLSEN to travel to New York City for the period from April 7, 1954, to April 15, 1954, for the purpose of consulting with counsel in the preparation and filing of their appeal briefs.

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The United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, made available to the Pittsburgh Office a copy of his answer to the above motion for leave to travel, which stated that the appellents had not attached nor offered to attach the consent of their surety to the proposed travel, and in the event an order permitting the travel was entered, he requested that subject order limit the activities of the appellents to the desired interviews with counsel.

On April 5, 1954, the Deputy Clerk of the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, advised that the above mentioned motion for leave to travel was argued before the Court on that date and the defendants were represented by REUBEN TERRIS, attorney from New York City.

On April 6, 1954, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order authorizing the travel of STEVE NELSON, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, BENJAMIN CAREATHERS, and JAMES DOLSEN to New York City during the period April 7, 1954 through April 14, 1954, for the purpose of consulting with counsel in connection with their appeals and stated they must furnish the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh with their New York address prior to their departure from Pittsburgh, and also file with the Clerk, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the consent of the surety on the bonds to the change in the condition in the bonds effected by this order.

[redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, advised on June 1, 1954, that he was in receipt of a copy of a letter to FRANK DONNER, attorney of record for defendants in Pittsburgh Smith Act trial appeal before the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, from IDA CRESKOFF, Clerk of the Court, which set forth that oral arguments in connection with the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial appeal had been reset for Wednesday, June 9, 1954, and would be heard by a full banc of judges. This letter further set forth that amendments were being made to the defendants motions to permit travel to Philadelphia from June 1, 1954, to June 10, 1954.

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On June 9, 1954, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, convened in Philadelphia to hear oral arguments on the appeal of the subject and his co-appellents. All seven Circuit Court judges were present during the arguments. Prior to the oral arguments on the appeal, counsel RALPH POWE presented a request to the Circuit Court for authorization for the subject to change his residence and employment from Detroit, Michigan, to New York City. POWE advised the court that he would furnish to it an affidavit to show that the job tendered to ALBERTSON was legitimate. The Court took this matter under advisement.

The appellents were represented in the oral arguments by THOMAS B. MC BRIDE, Chief Defense Counsel, Philadelphia Smith Act trial; FRANK DONNER, New York City; and RALPH POWE, Pittsburgh Smith Act trial attorney. MC BRIDE argued the question of admissibility of evidence; DONNER argued on constitutional grounds, on the clear and present danger doctrine and the inability of defendants to secure fair trial because of prejudicial atmosphere; and POWE argued on validity of challenge to jury array. Oral arguments on behalf of the Government were presented by [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh.

The arguments were taken under advisement by the Circuit Court and no date for a possible decision was set by the Court.

On June 10, 1954, the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, issued an order granting a motion in behalf of WILLIAM ALBERTSON authorizing him to change

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his residence from Detroit, Michigan, to New York City and accept employment in that city. This order further instructed that the subject file with the Clerk of the United States District Court for Western District of Pennsylvania the consent of the surety on his bond and that he notify the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh of the address where he would reside in New York City.

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[redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, advised that he had received a communication on June 14, 1954, from WILLIAM ALBERTSON that his address in New York City would be Apartment 2H, 1205 College Avenue, Bronx, New York. It is noted that this is the address of IRVING WEISSMAN who was tried and convicted under the Smith Act with the subject.

[redacted] Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, advised that the United States Attorney was in receipt of a communication from the subject dated July 5, 1954, which advised the United States Attorney that his address was 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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T-1 is [redacted] of dwelling at [redacted] who furnished information regarding subject's residence to SA [redacted] of the New York Office on August 10, 1954. (Identity protected by request.) b6 b7C b7D

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION:

AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

Will maintain contact with United States Attorney at Pittsburgh in order to report the results of the subject's appeal to the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted], Pittsburgh, 1/14/54. b6 b7C

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Synopsis

Subject was residing on 8/10/54, in basement apartment at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Motion presented by RALPH POWE, subject's attorney, in U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., on 2/1/54, requesting authority for subject to reside permanently in New York City, which motion was denied by Court Order dated 2/2/54. Date for filing of briefs by subject and co-defendants in support of their appeal in Pittsburgh Smith Act case ultimately set by court to be on or before 4/15/54. Motion again presented to Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, on 6/9/54, prior to oral arguments on the appeal in behalf of subject, requesting authority to change residence and employment to New York City, which court granted by order dated 6/10/54. Oral arguments in Pittsburgh Smith Act trial appeal heard by full banc of judges before U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, on 6/9/54 and arguments taken under advisement with no date set for decision by the court.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 9/24/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-5604)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALEXANDER ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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SMITH ACT - 1949
OO: New York

Re Detroit report of SA [redacted] 8/24/54. b6 b7C

Re report requested documentation for NY informants utilized by Detroit in said report.

Enclosed for the Bureau and interested offices are amended pages 4, 4a, 5, 6 and informant page 9 which reflects complete amended documentation.

(U) NYO has deleted information attributed to T-5, T-6, and T-7 in referenced report, which concerned subject's attendance at Eighth Anniversary CRC dinner held in NYC, 4/9/54 inasmuch as that information should be attributed directly to T-4 (NY 384-S) who furnished a written report
(U) dated 4/10/54 to SA [redacted] on 4/19/54. Complete information as furnished by this informant concerning subject's participation in aforementioned CRC dinner has been incorporated into amended page 4 of referenced report. b6 b7C

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS C, SMITH ACT 1940. ON 12/2/54 [redacted] ORALLY ADVISED THAT FRANCINE ALBERTSON, WHO IS VISITING DETROIT FROM NEW YORK, HAD LEARNED THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT HAD RECENTLY BEEN MADE HEAD OF THE CRC FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK. NO FURTHER

(U) INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO [redacted]

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749) (Office of Prosecution)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
SMITH ACT - 1940
(OO: New York)

Re report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 9/20/54. b6 b7C

Referenced report sets forth that oral arguments in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial appeal were heard by full banc of judges before the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., on June 9, 1954, and that the arguments were taken under advisement with no date set for a decision by the court.

This is to advise that no decision has been rendered to date by the United States Third Circuit Court, Philadelphia, Pa., in connection with the appeal in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case, which was filed by the subject and his co-defendants.

This case is being maintained in a pending inactive status and the Bureau will be advised of the results of said appeal at such time as a decision is rendered by the court.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA of 1940. AUSA [redacted] b6 b7C

WDPA, ADVISED SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE 4/5/55 THAT HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF A REGISTERED LETTER FROM WILLIAM ALBERTSON, CONVICTED PITTSBURGH SMITH ACT SUBJECT, DATED 4/1/55, BEARING ADDRESS 1227 EAST 49TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, AND WHICH STATED HE, ALBERTSON, COULD BE REACHED CARE OF MOROZE, 549 BELMONT AVENUE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, ON APRIL 16 AND 17, 1955. AUSA [redacted] STATED THAT HE CONTEMPLATES TAKING NO OPPOSING ACTION IN THIS MATTER.

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On March 7 and 8, 1955, NY 694-S furnished to SAS [redacted] and [redacted] the following information obtained by the informant as a result of contact with Canadian CP functionaries in Toronto, Canada, between February 24 and 28, 1955. (U) (S) (S)

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PAUL PHILLIPS

PAUL PHILLIPS, Canadian CP functionary, when contacted by NY 694-S, stated that LEON and ALITA LETWIN, LYL Delegates to a meeting in East Berlin in late February, 1955, had arrived in Toronto on February 18 and had gone immediately to the home of JEAN MORRISON. (It will be noted that before the LETWINS left NYC for Toronto, LEON WOFSY, LYL functionary, had told NY 694-S that the LETWINS upon arrival in Toronto would report to 122 Westmoreland Avenue, Toronto, in care of JEAN MORRISON. It will be noted also that TIM BUCK, through his girlfriend, ELIZABETH MASCOLO, previously had identified this name and address as a Canadian CP mail drop formerly identified as "Appleton". The informant had been requested by MASCOLO, who was then in New York, to transmit this information to the National Committee of the CP, USA.) (S) (S) (S)

JEAN MORRISON introduced the LETWINS to STEVE ENDICOTT, leader of the Canadian equivalent of the LYL. ENDICOTT was the sole Canadain CP representative to the East Berlin meeting to which the LETWINS were to go. According to PHILLIPS, ENDICOTT had been in Moscow in the spring of 1954 on LYL business, and upon his return to Canada, had been appointed head of the "Youth Movement" in Canada. PHILLIPS further identified STEVE ENDICOTT as the son of JAMES ENDICOTT, head of the "Peace Movement" in Canada, and STALIN prize winner several years ago.

According to PHILLIPS, it originally was planned that the LETWINS and ENDICOTT travel together to the East Berlin meeting; but, for security reasons, the plan was changed. On Sunday, February 20, 1954, the LETWINS flew from Montreal to Paris, and after a six hour layover in Paris, flew to Vienna, where they arrived on the following day in the American zone of Vienna. ENDICOTT flew "by a parallel route" to the American zone of Vienna. The LETWINS and ENDICOTT met in

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Vienna and ENDICOTT arranged through officials in the Soviet zone of Vienna for the transportation of the three to East
(U) Berlin. (FBI) (S)

PHILLIPS stated that he had provided the LETWINS with one-way plane tickets and sufficient cash for their purposes. The LETWINS were advised that they might travel wherever they pleased after the Berlin conference, but inasmuch as they were scheduled to return to Toronto by April 1, 1955, they also were told to use good judgment with respect to travel in Europe. The Canadian CP, PHILLIPS stated, was very pleased with the LETWINS, and wished to compliment the CP, USA for the efficiency demonstrated in sending them to Canada fully prepared for their trip to East Berlin. (FBI) (S)

(U) PHILLIPS said "the people on the other side" would be most pleased with the manner in which the LETWINS' trip was arranged and "undoubtedly will use this channel more frequently in the future". The Canadians, he said, "will recommend it". PHILLIPS then mentioned that the original letter to TIM BUCK, requesting that LYL representatives attend the East Berlin conference, had been sent by GLORIA SEGAL,
(U) whom he refrained from further identifying. (FBI) (S)

The next subject of conversation with PHILLIPS concerned ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN. As will be recalled from previous correspondence in the SASH-ESPIONAGE-R file, NEEDLEMAN and PHILLIPS, on the occasion of their meeting in Toronto, had several private conferences, after one of which PHILLIPS asked NEEDLEMAN how to spell the name "SEBORER". MAX SEBORER is NEEDLEMAN'S "leg man" and his brother NOAH SEBORER reportedly is living in Mexico as a retired school teacher. Of the two other SEBORER brothers, JACK STUART SEBORER was Chief of the European Research Desk in the War Department, and OSCAR SEBORER, while in the US Army, served at Los Alamos, and assisted in the development of the Atom Bomb. The whereabouts of JACK STUART
(U) SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER is unknown. (FBI) (S)

As also will be recalled from previous correspondence, NEEDLEMAN has been waiting for information from the Soviets, and has indicated that this information is to be transmitted

to him through PAUL PHILLIPS, who supposedly will be furnished with the information by Canadian CP functionaries returning
(U) from the Soviet Union. (TS) (S)

It also will be recalled that after NY 694-S returned from a trip to Toronto in late December, 1954, NEEDLEMAN inquired whether PHILLIPS had given the informant a message from Moscow for NEEDLEMAN. When NY 694-S asked NEEDLEMAN whether PHILLIPS should have transmitted such a message, NEEDLEMAN replied, "No - I don't blame him - he shouldn't tell you of such things". (TS) (S)
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It will be recalled further that on February 2, 1955, NEEDLEMAN, referring to NY 694-S' contemplated trip to Toronto, requested that the informant ask PHILLIPS whether NEEDLEMAN should go to Toronto to see PHILLIPS. When NY 694-S suggested that PHILLIPS could give the informant a message for NEEDLEMAN, the latter said, "Oh no - Don't ask him for anything more. I have to handle this myself. It's too hot".
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The above background information regarding the SEBORERS and the message expected by NEEDLEMAN from Moscow has been set out to throw some light on the following conversation between NY 694-S and PHILLIPS. (TS) (S)
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NY 694-S informed PHILLIPS that NEEDLEMAN had requested that the informant inquire whether PHILLIPS desired NEEDLEMAN to go to Toronto to see him. The informant also stated that, according to NEEDLEMAN, PHILLIPS would understand what NEEDLEMAN meant. PHILLIPS replied, "Oh - Yes. NEEDLEMAN inquired about several American friends who are in Russia. We cannot tell him anything yet since no 'suitable' comrade has been traveling there or back. Therefore I have no answer for him. I will have nothing for him until May. At that time somebody will be leaving or coming back. The persons NEEDLEMAN thought could bring his message, they (the Soviets) could not use". (TS) (S)
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According to the informant, PHILLIPS then mentioned that the persons who NEEDLEMAN thought might bring him a message from Moscow were MARY JENNISON, member of the National

Committee of the Canadian CP, and SONIA MORRIS, wife of LESLIE MORRIS, Canadian CP functionary. The informant infers that PHILLIPS had decided against using the aforementioned women for contact with the Soviets regarding the message for NEEDLEMAN. From remarks made by PHILLIPS in the past, NY 694-S has inferred that both women are too talkative. The informant concludes therefore that the Soviets would not be inclined to deliver to these women the message for NEEDLEMAN, and that, anticipating the Soviets reaction to them, PHILLIPS decided against using the women for that purpose. (TS) (S)

(U) In the light of the information thus far obtained regarding the message which NEEDLEMAN is awaiting from Moscow, NY 694-S believes that the said message concerns the missing SEBORER brothers, JACK STUART SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER. NY 694-S has considered the possibility that, for the information of MAX SEBORER, NEEDLEMAN'S leg man, the latter is attempting to determine whether JACK STUART SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER are in good health. He discards that theory, however, on the ground that NEEDLEMAN is too self centered an individual to be engaged in a humanitarian pursuit requiring his making trips to Canada. The informant is more inclined to believe that NEEDLEMAN'S interest in the SEBORERS is due either to past associations with the SEBORERS, which now constitute a threat to his security, or to his intention to use them in future apparatus activities. (TS) (S)

(U) The informant considers it significant that neither NEEDLEMAN or MAX SEBORER ever have mentioned to him the existence of JACK STUART SEBORER and OSCAR SEBORER. They have mentioned on occasion NOAH SEBORER, who is in Mexico. The informant also considers it odd that NEEDLEMAN should seek information regarding the SEBORERS through the Canadian CP instead of through the Russian Embassy, or through Amtorg officials with whom he apparently is friendly. (TS) (S)

TIM BUCK and PAUL PHILLIPS

In a separate discussion with TIM BUCK and PAUL PHILLIPS, NY 694-S furnished them with information from the CP, USA,

contained in referenced airtel and teletype. BUCK mentioned that with respect to the request forwarded to him by the CP, USA, through ELIZABETH MASCOLO that a Canadian attend a UE conference in New York, the matter already had been attended to by BILL KASHTON, Canadian CP functionary in charge of trade union work. KASHTON previously had been requested to send a delegate to the said conference and, when BUCK contacted him, KASHTON advised that ROSS RUSSELL of the Canadian UE already had departed for the New York conference. (TS) (S)

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BUCK requested that NY 694-S inform the CP, USA, that, as regards the matter of the UE merger, it would be better from the Canadian point of view for the UE to merge with the UAWA. This, however, is just a suggestion on BUCK'S part; the Canadians will not do anything of which the CP, USA, would not approve. (TS) (S)

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With respect to the proposed merger of the Packing House Workers with Amalgamated Meat Cutter and Butcher Workmens' Union, BUCK said that the CP, USA, should understand that the Canadian position in the merger is not so strong as is the American position. The Canadians desire that the Americans put the Canadian CP in a better position for bargaining: the CP, USA, should get assurances that Canadian CP members will not be ousted from the union, and also that the Canadians will not be "victimized" as a result of the merger. (This message from BUCK was delivered to GEORGE WATT, CP, USA, trade union functionary, through CG 5824-S, who was in New York at the time of NY 694-S' return to New York from Canada. WATT, according to CG 5824-S, expressed himself as being wholly in accord with BUCK'S views.) (TS) (S)

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PAUL PHILLIPS, during this conversation, was advised that NY 694-S was awaiting the arrival from Detroit of LEE MARSH, CP functionary whom the informant was to introduce to BUCK and PHILLIP so that MARSH might discuss with them language group problems and related matters. The informant emphasized that MARSH was to be briefed only on local problems concerning the Detroit-Michigan area and the adjoining Canadian area. The CP, USA, did not desire that MARSH be briefed on national problems, the informant told BUCK and PHILLIPS. (TS) (S)

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PHILLIPS then stated that WALTER RIBACK had been in contact with the Canadian CP concerning some language group problems, particularly problems concerning literature, small quantities of which are currently being sent to RIBACK. It will be noted that while in Toronto in December, 1954, the informant was asked by PHILLIPS why "RIBACK, who was with the IWO in New York City", could not go to Toronto to discuss language group problems. (It is believed that WALTER RIBACK, mentioned here, is identical with WALTER RIBACK, former IWO organizer, subject of New York file 100-55535.) (S) (S)

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PHILLIPS stated that the Canadian CP still desires that language group leaders, particularly Slavs, go to Canada for the following reason: (S) (S)

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There is being organized a two year campaign for the purpose of "rallying" as many Slav groups as possible in North and South America. The purpose of the campaign is to consolidate these groups into a unified Slav group capable of concerted action. They are to be brought closer to their home ties, to be made aware of their national heritage and importance. In connection with this campaign, contributions will be solicited from all Slavs for the erection of a monument commemorating Slav struggles and achievements. The monument will be a large building to be erected behind the Iron Curtain, probably in Poland. Referring to the aforementioned monument, PHILLIPS said, "Sure, they will put up a building in Poland. The Poles and the Russians will put it up. The money raised will be kept by us". (S) (S)

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PHILLIPS stated that it was desired that "the Americans do the same thing". He stated that a conference would be held in Canada in mid-May in connection with this campaign and that it was important that American delegates attend the said conference. The Canadians, according to PHILLIPS, already are taking certain steps to put the campaign in motion: The "head" of a Canadian-Russian paper, not otherwise identified, presently is touring the South American countries - Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Venezuela, where he is laying the foundation for the campaign during a series of speaking engagements. The campaign, according to PHILLIPS, will be probably announced through the "language papers" on July 4 next. (S) (S)

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The informant then inquired of BUCK and PHILLIPS whether they had received any news regarding the political situation in Moscow, which NY 694-S might transmit to the CP, USA. BUCK replied that there was "no news" - that no one had gone to Moscow recently, the only leading Canadian CP functionary now in Moscow being MARY JENNISON, who is there on a six months visit. According to BUCK, at a recent meeting of top Canadian CP functionaries, the change in the Moscow political scene was discussed, and it was interpreted as indicating that by reason of the dangerous Formosan situation, Russia had decided "to warn" the US by exhibiting its ability to shift swiftly to concentration on heavy industry. This "shift" necessitated replacing MALENKOV with a man more capable of effecting policies conducive to said concentration on heavy industry. BUCK said the Canadian CP considered the "shift" as "well timed", exhibiting to the US a sign of strength at a critical moment. (U) (TS) (S)

LEE MARSH

NY 694-S advised that LEE MARSH, Detroit CP functionary, did not arrive in Toronto until Saturday, February 26, after the informant's conference with BUCK and PHILLIPS, as outlined above. MARSH was driving a 1954 Chevrolet, four-door green sedan, with Michigan license BB-4453. He met NY 694-S in the latter's hotel room at the King Edward Hotel, and after introducing himself, stated he had driven from Detroit to Toronto via Windsor, Ontario. NY 694-S informed MARSH that BUCK and PHILLIPS, whom the informant had contacted earlier on that day, would not be available for interview until the following day. MARSH, who was quite tired as a result of his trip from Detroit, expressed a desire to rest for a few hours. It was arranged that he stay at the YMCA in Toronto and that he and NY 694-S meet again in the evening of that day. (U) (TS) (S)

Upon meeting MARSH later, the informant noted that MARSH is about 5'6" in height, has black hair, brown eyes, wears glasses, and weighs about 140 pounds. MARSH mentioned that he is 35 years of age, that he is a sheet-metal worker by trade, and that he is the father of two children. According to

NY 694-S, MARSH seemed well educated. He was quite security conscious, informing NY 694-S that he had parked his car several miles from the King Edward Hotel. After he had determined to his own satisfaction that NY 694-S was the individual whom he was to meet, MARSH engaged for a time in routine conversation concerning the CP, which is not particularly relevant to instant investigation. (TS) (S) (U)

NY 694-S informed MARSH that among the matters the latter might discuss with BUCK and PHILLIPS, MARSH should not forget to mention re-establishment of contact between the Detroit CP and the Windsor, Ontario CP; language group problems of mutual interest; the training school to be organized in Canada for American CP members; and broadcasts to be made in Canada and beamed to the Detroit area. MARSH agreed to discuss these matters with BUCK and PHILLIPS, but did not mention what else he had in mind for discussion with the aforesaid Canadian
(U) CP officials. (TS) (S)

Referring to "weaknesses" in the Detroit CP organization, MARSH stated that in Detroit there is an "underestimation of security" and lack of an effective CP control commission. He said that the CP in Detroit does not effectively investigate "suspected cases". Such matters as where does a "suspect" live, what are his habits, personal and otherwise, are ignored by the Detroit CP. He stated there were cases
(U) where there was absolutely no investigation of persons suspected of disloyalty to the CP. (TS) (S)

The Detroit CP leadership, he said, are in agreement with respect to the necessity of establishing an effective apparatus for the investigation of suspected persons, but never have taken the steps required to establish such an apparatus. MARSH considers this attitude criminal. He cited the cases of BILL and FRANCINE ALBERTSON, both of whom were expelled from the Party. FRANCINE is suspected of collaborating with the FBI, and MARSH personally is convinced that she is. Although several people in the Party were assigned to check her habits and contacts, they never did so, their excuse having been that
(U) they were "too busy. (TS) (S)

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Of people contacted by FRANCINE after her expulsion, several have been expelled and others are under suspicion. Much damage was suffered by the Party as a result of her talking. In MARSH'S opinion, if an effective control apparatus had been in operation, FRANCINE would have been discredited long before she was, and furthermore she would not have been able to
(U) contact and influence the people whom she did. (S) (S)

In the hope of ascertaining the CP registration figures in the Detroit area, NY 694-S told MARSH that in the past he had been familiar with the Detroit CP, had regarded it as a large area, and now hoped that its membership had not been adversely affected during the past "five critical years". MARSH replied - cryptically, according to NY 694-S - "You know we don't give out any figures at this time. But I can tell you this much - that our membership in Detroit has suffered terrific losses. Detroit is only half as large as the Philadelphia membership, and also only half of the Eastern Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh) membership". MARSH then mentioned that in Detroit SAUL WELLMAN is the only full-time paid CP functionary, his salary being $60 per week. Most of the other
(U) leading CP functionaries, he said, have outside jobs. (S) (S)

The informant then asked MARSH what CARL WINTERS planned to do after his release from prison. MARSH stated that WINTERS would have to get a job in industry. Before doing so, however, WINTERS, according to MARSH, would take a month's vacation. It was MARSH'S opinion that WINTERS would continue to reside in the Detroit area. MARSH then stated that in his opinion, and in the opinion of the other Detroit CP functionaries, there should be an end to CP hysteria. That, he said, is why the Party is so concerned about sending a half dozen or more key people in the Detroit CP to a CP school for higher political and organizational training. He has in mind five people in Detroit in key industries, such as the UAWA, and in his opinion, if these people could be better trained, they would be in a position to influence at least thirty thousand people. This, he said, is only one reason why proper schooling of such people
(U) would make the Detroit CP more effective. (S) (S)

According to MARSH, in the last six months of 1955, the Detroit CP anticipates that a gigantic struggle between the

automobile companies and the unions will arise. REUTHER, MARSH stated, is endeavoring to avoid this situation. The unions, MARSH said, will be strongest in the Ford plant, and weakest in the Dodge plant. It would be considered a major victory
(U) this year if the automobile workers can win a concession of a guaranteed week's work. (S)

On Sunday, February 27, NY 694-S took MARSH to PAUL PHILLIP'S home to meet TIM BUCK and PHILLIPS. MARSH made it clear that he desired a private interview with PHILLIPS and BUCK and the informant therefore left MARSH alone with PHILLIPS and BUCK after a short conversation in which all engaged. Before NY 694-S left, he heard BUCK tell MARSH that BUCK was glad to re-establish contact with the Detroit CP through MARSH and that before MARSH should leave, BUCK would advise him of three methods whereby contact could be maintained by the Detroit CP with the Canadian CP. BUCK stated that he would arrange on that day to have a Canadian Comrade drive with MARSH to Windsor, Ontario, where MARSH would be introduced to Windsor CP functionaries. BUCK also mentioned that in June or July of this year a CP school in Canada would be available to the Detroit CP. Before leaving, NY 694-S was requested by BUCK to contact NORMAN FRIED, Canadian CP functionary in charge of education and "the peace movement".
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NORMAN FRIED

Upon contacting NORMAN FRIED, NY 694-S was given by FRIED a note to be transmitted to TOM RICHARDSON of the CP, USA, the note being to the effect that RICHARDSON'S presence at a conference in Canada was desired. The purpose of the conference was to discuss "a directive from the other side" regarding the peace movement. The Bureau previously has been informed
(U) regarding this matter. (S)

Upon his return to NY, NY 694-S gave the aforesaid note to CG 5824-S, who was then in New York, for transmittal to RICHARDSON through a member of the CP, USA, National Committee. CG 5824-S delivered the note to PHIL BART who promised to deliver it to RICHARDSON. According to BART, who read the note,

RICHARDSON, in BART'S opinion, should not have been the addressee of the note "since he no longer has the position". BART stated that he believed two other people (not identified) would go to the conference to which RICHARDSON had been invited.

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SAM CARR (S)

SAM CARR, upon meeting the informant, stated that he recently was "called on the carpet" by the Canadian CP Secretariat to answer charges of having violated a Party rule. The individuals before whom he had to appear were TIM BUCK and LESLIE MORRIS, members of the Secretariat, and CHARLIE SIMS, who is not a member of the Secretariat, but who had been called in to attend this particular hearing. (S)

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The reason for CARR'S being charged with violation of Party rule is as follows:

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Since his release from prison, CARR has been active in the Canadian equivalent of the Jewish People's Fraternal Organization. While CARR was in prison this organization paid CARR'S dues and kept him in good standing, for which he was duly grateful. On numerous occasions since CARR has returned from prison, he has been invited to address meetings of this organization, but always has declined, giving one reason or another. Finally, however, CARR could think of no more plausible excuses for not speaking, and on a recent Sunday morning made an address to the organization . The subject matter of his speech, he said, was unimportant, but when it was reported to leading CP functionaries, CARR was summoned before the Canadian CP Secretariat, as mentioned above.

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When before the Secretariat, CARR was told that upon being released from prison he had been instructed to make no speeches, and that in doing so he had deliberately violated the Party's rule, and that such insubordination would not be tolerated. CARR stated that he allowed the Secretariat to excoriate him for a few minutes and then "blew his top".

He told them they should now listen to him. They "had a lot of nerve" in attempting to "gag" him. He had never injured the Party. They conveniently were forgetting that he had worked for the Party for 32 years, ten of which he spent in jail. He nevertheless never complained about his time in jail. The Party "had another guess coming" if they thought they could shut him up. Instead of being so petty, they should listen to what he had to say. They should discuss with him what his political contributions to the Party could be. To this they agreed.

He stated that in "the spy case" he did exactly as the Party told him to do. The Party, in 1946, wrote a statement, supposedly written by CARR, and CARR never complained about it or challanged it. He spent years in hiding only for the purpose of saving the Party from embarrassment. During that time, he made no demands upon the Party. In fact, he was so disciplined that during the last year prior to his arrest in the USA, he sent his contact PHIL FIELD to Canada on three separate occasions to inquire whether CARR should return to Canada and "face the Commission". On each occasion CARR was ordered not to return, and he obeyed instructions. During these latter years, CARR had been shunned by the Party, but from now on he is going to assert himself. If they value him as a person, they had better listen to what he has to say.

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CARR told the Secretariat that he took exception to the Party slogan "Put Canada First" in that the said slogan reflects a "wrong" nationalism and is misunderstood. He also told the Secretariat that the Canadian CP should have closer ties with the CP, USA; that the Canadian CP could assist the CP, USA, much more than it has. By strengthening the CP, USA, he said, the Canadian CP would be fighting American "imperialism", which is the main threat to Canadian independence.

CARR told BUCK that it was not his desire to engage in a "knock-down and drag-out" fight with the Canadian CP - that he would do nothing that might disrupt the Canadian CP. He desired BUCK to know, however, that he no longer was inclined to be a mere puppet.

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CHARLIE SIMS, according to CARR, became abusive in his language to CARR, ordering the latter "to shut up". For a moment it seemed that SIMS and CARR might engage in fisticuffs, but BUCK and MORRIS pushed SIMS out of the room before SIMS could say more. (TS) (S)

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CARR introduced NY 694-S to two individuals visiting at the CARR home - BYRON and HELEN RANDALL. CARR stated that HELEN RANDALL is a sister or sister-in-law of RUDY SHOHAN (Bufile 100-233970), with alias: RAYMOND ARTHUR DAVIS, LYL functionary in the USA in the 1920's and later a writer in Canada, using the pseudonym RAYMOND ARTHUR DAVIS. SHOHAN, according to CARR, currently is appealing a conviction for passport fraud in Canada. CARR also mentioned that SHOHAN was a former member of the National Committee of the Canadian CP. CARR stated that RANDALL had lived in San Francisco at one time and had spent considerable time in Mexico. BYRON RANDALL, CARR said, is an American and has been a foreign correspondent. In 1947 BYRON RANDALL travelled to Yugoslavia, according to CARR. HELEN RANDALL, CARR said, is of Canadian birth. (TS) (S)

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In the few words NY 694-S had with the RANDALLS, he ascertained that they presently are residing with relatives in Toronto and that they are looking for a permanent place to live in Toronto. They indicated that they are members of the CP, and mentioned that while in Mexico they had met many Americans. According to the informant, BYRON RANDALL had been in a half hour private conference with SAM CARR before the informant met him. (TS) (S)

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LESLIE MORRIS

In a short conference with LESLIE MORRIS, member of the Canadian CP Secretariat, and now second in command to TIM BUCK, NY 694-S inquired whether STANLEY RYERSON, Canadian CP functionary now assigned to the Cominform, had arrived safely in Bucharest. MORRIS stated that RYERSON presently is in Russia but will leave for Bucharest in a few weeks. (TS) (S)

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The informant advises that a photograph of STANLEY RYERSON appeared in the 3/7/55 issue of "The Canadian Tribune",

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CP publication. As evidence of the fact that the Canadian CP is concealing the real purpose of RYERSON'S having left Canada, the informant referred to the following language appearing under
(U) the photograph of RYERSON: (S)

"STANLEY RYERSON, member of the National Executive Committee of the Labor-Progressive Party, who is on leave of absence, taking treatment in Czechoslovakia for injuries received
(U) in an automobile accident in 1953 during his campaign as a federal candidate of the LPP in Hamilton." (S)

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(U) On 4/15/55, NY 694-S advised that during a recent conference with PHIL BART, CP, USA functionary, on 4/11/55, BART discussed the following:

BART is presently in charge of CP, USA Organizational and financial operations. He anticipates that he will have to serve a three months sentence in jail for contempt of Congress. Upon the completion of his jail sentence - which should be about Labor Day - he will resume his present CP activities. BART stated that his responsibilities are numerous, mentioning that he is in complete charge of "the WILL FUND," another name for the CP Reserve Fund (secret CP fund) that was controlled by the late WILLIAM WEINER before the latter's death. "The WILL FUND," BART said, is so referred to by reason of WEINER's first name having (U) been "WILL."

BART, referring to the Reserve Fund, stated that he had a "code" of WEINER's which he could not decipher but which, if deciphered, might be the key to various financial transactions of WEINER's. BART indicated that there might be donors whom WEINER had contacted and businesses which he had operated, (U) concerning which the Party now has no knowledge.

NY 694-S told BART that when the informant had worked with WEINER in the Reserve Fund Operation, a code had been used, and that possibly, if NY 694-S could see the code BART had, the informant might recognize it. NY 694-S stated that although he had no recollection at the moment of the code used in the past by him and WEINER, to see the code in the possession (U) of BART might refresh his recollection of the WEINER code.

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BART was pleased to hear that NY 694-S might be of assistance in this regard and stated that he would discuss this matter again with the informant. BART stated that he had been appointed to replace WEINER in October, 1953, several months before WEINER's death. He saw WEINER, however, only once - in October, 1953, - before WEINER died. According to BART, neither he nor BETTY GANNETT had been able to talk to WEINER for several months prior to WEINER's death, and consequently "there were many things that would require piecing together." (U)

BART said he should like to discuss with the informant at a future date WEINER's method of operating the Reserve Fund insofar as NY 694-S was acquainted with WEINER's methods. BART thought that possibly NY 694-S might recall names of donors and the identity of business operations which presently are unknown to the Party. The informant advised BART that he should be happy to cooperate in every way possible. BART then stated that he should like to organize the Reserve Fund Operation in such a way as to have "some responsible people" in the said operation. In this connection, he said, he had a definite objective, "to ascertain how NY 694-S could fit into the picture." (U)

BART stated he had learned from BETTY GANNETT of NY 694-S's liaison with the Canadian CP, which he considered of the greatest importance. He said he should like to secure the services of the informant and of "a few people like him" to assist BART in finances and "other kinds of work." BART suggested that the (U)

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[informant, STANLEY LEVISON, one of BART's chief assistants in the Reserve Fund Operation, and BART meet in a few weeks to discuss some financial problems. He requested
(U) that NY 694-S remain "clean" so far as other CP activities are concerned.]

[When NY 694-S mentioned to BART that he had seen STANLEY LEVISON, BART immediately became excited, inquiring where, when and under what circumstances the informant had seen LEVISON. BART seemed quite relieved when NY 694-S informed him that it had been longer than a year since he had seen LEVISON. BART indicated that LEVISON is not "available," and that BART would have considered it a serious matter if LEVISON recently had allowed himself to be contacted openly. The informant inferred from BART's remarks
(U) that LEVISON is a very important member of the Reserve Fund Operation.]

[It is NY 694-S's opinion that it should be considered possible that by reason of LEVISON's seeming "legitimate businessman status," the latter might be an individual through whom funds are channeled to the CP fugitives. It is the informant's thought
(U) that BART's obvious concern about LEVISON's remaining unavailable suggests such a possibility.]

Referring to the informant's requests in the past [to [illegible] the Canadian CP for financial assistance to the CP, USA, BART stated that it was he who finally decided against repeating requests for Canadian financial assistance to the CP, USA. To him, he
(U) said, "it was like big brothers asking little brother for money." He felt, he said, that the CP, USA,]

"could lose face" by such requests for aid. The CP, USA, however, could ask the Canadian CP for financial aid to the Cuban CP, BART remarked, without loss of dignity. BART said he felt that the Canadian CP had a duty of assisting financially the Cuban CP, "which is more or less underground."

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BART said that since the CP, USA has been sending sizeable amounts of money to the Cuban CP, any financial assistance rendered by the Canadian CP to the Cuban CP to a certain extent would relieve the responsibility of the CP, USA, in this respect. BART remarked that the Canadian CP could not be expected to contribute to the Puerto Rican CP because the latter "is part of the states." When NY 694-S next goes to Toronto, BART said, the informant is to discuss with the Canadian CP the matter of financial assistance to the Cuban CP. BART, however, would like to discuss the situation again with NY 694-S immediately before the informant goes to Toronto.

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With reference to the Reserve Fund, BART then said that "during the past year, there have been no new earnings." As yet, according to BART, he "has not had time to develop this situation. The need now, he stated, is "for more donors and some sure investments." BART said he should like to invest a part of the Reserve Fund in "a sure - fire investment," such as a business that would return a hundred percent profit without risk.

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BART inquired whether NY 694-S knew of any such business enterprise "or any similar investment possibility." The informant promised to be alert to any

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such possibility, and then asked how much money BART was prepared to invest. BART replied that he should be willing to invest $25,000.

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Inasmuch as in the past, when NY 694-S was associated with WEINER in the Reserve Operation, money invested never constituted more than 25% of the total Reserve Fund, NY 694-S estimated that the current amount of the Reserve Fund may be about $100,000. This, the informant states, is only a guess, based upon the probability that the Reserve Fund continues to operate as it did in the past.

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BART then informed NY 694-S that he recently had visited Chicago, Pittsburgh, Detroit, and Cleveland, in connection with the CP Fund Drive. Mentioning that $100,000 was needed for the "Daily Worker," and $75,000 for "open Party purposes," BART said that he visited the District Organizers in the aforesaid cities, and advised each as to the fund quota for his particular district. As regards the "Daily Worker " quota, BART stated, no District Organizer attempted to argue about the amount of the quota for which he would be responsible. With respect to the "open Party quota," no District Organizer was willing to guarantee obtaining the amount which BART had specified as the quota for the District Organizer's particular district.

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The District Organizers declared they would be unable to secure the amounts required "for the open Party." If all raise what they finally agreed

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to accept as their quotas, the total sum to be obtained would be less than $70,000. According to BART, the Party feels it will need at least 15 or 20 thousand dollars in addition to what is secured in the fund drive for the "open Party." (U)

BART subsequently stated that the "Daily Worker" presently is in a "dangerous" financial situation. By the end of the current year, he said, the "Daily Worker" will face a deficit of $200,000. There are day to day crises at the "Daily Worker" office and in the next few weeks, the said paper must raise $25,000 to pay pressing creditors. (U)

The present "Daily Worker" deficit, according to BART, is from three to four times as large as it was "in the old days." Whereas in 1950, the "Daily Worker" derived an income of $35,000 from advertising, its income now from advertising is negligible. (U)

BART hastened to add to this comment that the "Daily Worker" situation should not be construed to mean that the Party is not capable of raising large amounts of money "for serious emergencies." He stated that the Philadelphia District had raised $100,000 for the Smith Act trials, and that Cleveland and Detroit had raised similarly large amounts for the same purpose. BART remarked "under pressure of trials, they can raise large amounts of money." BART stated that "work now is far better organized than when 'BETTY' (GANNETT) was in charge." He noted that "civil rights and bail fund matters are now being handled by BILL ALBERTSON." (U)

According to BART, he had several other irritating problems as regards the Reserve Fund. (U)

He said he has donors who would be willing to contribute $10,000 or $20,000, but who are afraid to do so because they do not know how to conceal such a transfer of funds on their books. BART remarked that even STANLEY LAVISON has been unable to find a method of circumventing this problem. (U)

As a second problem, BART mentioned that from time to time there is need to cash treasury bonds which are part of the Reserve Fund. He indicated that he regarded the cashing of such bonds as a security risk in that information concerning CP finances might be divulged to the Government by a bank with which the party had no "confidential" contact. (U)

BART then inquired whether NY 694-S had any "confidential" contact at a bank where, if need be, the informant "with security" could cash bonds. NY 694-S replied that he had such a contact, and that he should be willing to handle such an assignment for BART. (As a matter of fact, NY 694-S has no such banking contact, but felt that through the AXO such contact could be arranged). (U)

BART did not inquire concerning the identity of the bank referred to by NY 694-S nor did he ask concerning the identity of the informant's contact at said bank. NY 694-S had anticipated such an inquiry and informed BART that he had a "secret contact" which he had used for years and which he preferred to remain "secret." (U)

Another complaint of BART's was that "the Wall Street group," that in the past contributed $20,000 a year to the Reserve Fund, now give only one-tenth of that amount to the said fund. The situation in (U)

Hollywood, according to BART, is serious. In the past, Hollywood contributed as much as $25,000 in one donation to the Reserve Fund and at least two such donations were secured from "Hollywood" during the course of a year. Now "Hollywood's" contribution is negligible since the "writers" are scattered. In Mexico, ALBERT MALTZ, former Hollywood writer, "keeps the Americans together and collects dues from them for the Party." (U)

BART stated that "owing to Government harrassment, and the political situation," Camp Unity has lost money during the past two years. The management of the camp has been changed in that KENNETH FRIEDMAN, who formerly operated Camp Wyandot, which no longer exists, is now manager of Camp Unity. The name of the camp will be changed to "Wingdale something or other," and it will cater to "a younger crowd." It will be more truly a vacation camp than was Camp Unity, in that such former practices as conducting open CP activities at the camp will be abandoned. In fact, the camp no longer will advertise in the "Daily Worker." To prevent NY State from acquiring control of the camp, a first mortgage on the camp, now held by the IWO, must be assigned to a new mortagee. (U)

The fact that NY State, through the State Supt. of Insurance, now controls I.O funds, constitutes a definite threat to the security of the camp. The income of the camp in the past approximated $75,000 per year, 60% of which was given to the NYS, CP, and 40%, to the CP national office. (U)

[BART then stated that whereas in the past there was "control over donors, many of whom had no complete understanding of the political situation," now a large number of such donors are "lost." Some of them currently donate to the ALP, to the "National Guardian," and to other liberal organizations.] (U)

[With reference to GEORGE MARSHALL and FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, former important donors, BART said that these individuals are not giving one-tenth of what they gave in the past. Both have told the Party definitely that "they do not intend to go to jail again for the CP."] (U)

The informant noted that [at no time did BART refer to present depositories of the CP Reserve Fund.] (U)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 5/31/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-5604)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C
SMITH ACT of 1940

Re SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

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SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

On 8/20/53, following return of a verdict of guilty for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, the subject was sentenced under Title 18 USC, Section 401, on two separate counts for contempt of court. On 8/25/53 the subject was sentenced to be imprisoned for a period of 5 years in a penitentiary type institution for violation of Smith Act.

The subject is currently free on bond, after completion of his contempt sentence, pending appeal of his case to the US Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa.

On 6/10/54 the subject was granted authority to change his residence to NYC and arguments were taken under advisement by the US Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., without setting a date for court decision on his appeal of above conviction.

(U) Concerning the subject's current activities, it is pertinent to note that on 12/10/54 [redacted] orally advised SA [redacted] that a meeting of the then newly formed Civil Rights Congress Steering Committee was held on 12/9/54 at NYC, under the direction of the subject; and that the Communist Party had so directed the subject to serve with the CRC. b6 b7C b7D

(U) The subject's activities were on an official leadership capacity on the staff at CRC National Headquarters, NYC, and have continued since that time; according to subsequent reports from [redacted] b7D

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the subject be retained on NY Security Index.

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DETCOM TABBING:

1. The subject is presently tabbed Comsab and Detcom. ~~JA~~

2. The subject has not been approved for Detcom tabbing under the new criteria as set forth in SAC letter 55-12 (A) of 2/10/55 and SI cards have not been received from the Bureau bearing stamp "DETCOM" in large red letters.

3. It is recommended that the subject be approved for Detcom tabbing under new criteria inasmuch as he is currently convicted Smith Act subject, out on bond, and by reason of his employment and activity as a leader in the National Civil Rights Congress, NYC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NY, 6/16/55

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Miss Gandy

Transmit the following Teletype message to: Bureau

WILLIAM ALBERTSON; IS-C, SA 1940.

[redacted] (requested his identity be protected) advised on 6/13/55 that captioned subject moved that date from his former residence at above address.

Mr. SAMUEL LETTES, Foreman, Ryder Street Station, UPO, advised on 6/14/55 that subject had advised PO of change of residence address from 1227 East 49th St., to 430 West 119th St., NYC.

Mrs. FRANK J. FULLER, Superintendent at apartment dwelling 424-30 West 119th St., NYC, advised on 6/14/55 that captioned subject had moved into apartment 23 at 424 West 119th St., NYC, on 6/13/55.

Miss MURIEL KEANE, Morningside Properties, 2051 Broadway, which concern is a building agent for apartment dwelling 424-30 West 119th St., NY, advised on 6/14/55 that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had signed a lease for apartment 23, 424 West 119th St., for a 2 year period beginning, 6/1/55. P

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Neighborhood source advised this date that subject continues to reside at 1227 E. 49th St., Brooklyn, NY. ALBERTSON continues employment at CBS headquarters, NYC.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF 1940.

SE [redacted] caused a check to be made of the records of the Manhattan Marriage Bureau, NYC on this date concerning captioned subject, which reflected that subject married LILLIE B. LEWIS at Manhattan Municipal Building on 6/10/55. b6 b7C

Aforementioned LILLIE B. LEWIS is identical with subject of case entitled, "LILLIAN B. LEWIS, was, SM-C."

NY investigation in the neighborhood of ~~424~~ ~~30~~ West 119th Street, NYC, has reflected that captioned subject is residing at Apt. 23, that address, reportedly with his mother and wife. NY investigation continuing. Report to follow. For information.

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1 - Pittsburgh 65-749 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(~~REGULAR~~)(RM)
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TO : Director, FBI (File 65-38100) DATE: 6/10/55

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (File 65-5604)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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SMITH ACT - 1940

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This case will be delinquent. 6/10/55

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	INTERNAL SECURITY - C SMITH ACT OF 1940

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject presently residing Apartment 23, 424 West 119th St., NYC, and employed on CRC staff, 6 East 17th St., NYC. Subject married LILLIE B. LEWIS on 6/10/55, at NYC. Subject in attendance and/or directed CRC Steering Committee Meetings, December, 1954-February, 1955; CRC Finance Committee Meetings, March, 1955; CRC Sedition Committee Meetings; April, 1955-May, 1955. (U) Subject solicited support for CRC's campaign in behalf of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and made collection speech at mass rally, 3/26/55, to "Free WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS." Subject served as Chairman at CRC Victory Dinner for PATTERSON, 2/10/55, NYC, and CRC Conference, 2/19-20/55, NYC. Subject, along with PATTERSON indicated CRC affiliation on 2/11/55 lease renewal for CRC Headquarters, 6 East 17th Street, NYC. Subject served as Chairman at CRC Reception for STEVE NELSON on 5/11/55. On 6/13/55, the US Third District Court of Appeals upheld subject's conviction under the Smith Act of 1940.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: 6/16/55

FROM : SAC, New York (65-5604)

Card U.T.D. 6-24-55 RL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C
SA - 1940

____ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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KEY FACILITY DATA:
GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ 3/30/60 RESPONSIBILITY 8160/1 New York

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS ✓Apt. 23, 424 West 119th Street, New York, New York

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DETAILS:

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Marital Status

SE [redacted] checked the marriage records at the Manhattan Bureau of Vital Statistics on June 17, 1955, for information concerning the subject, with the following results:

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The above records reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was married at the Manhattan Municipal Building on June 10, 1955, by City Clerk MURRAY STAND, to LILLIE B. LEWIS, and that said marriage was witnessed by PHILIP LOEB, 75-10 153rd Street, Flushing, New York.

Marriage Certificate No. 10782 reflected the following additional information:

Groom	MRS WILLIAM ALBERTSON
Race	White
Address	1227 East 49th Street
Date of Birth	May 7, 1910
Place of Birth	Russia
Occupation	Clerk
Father	SOLOMON ABRAMSKY
	(born in Russia)
Mother	ESTHER DASHEVSKY
	(born in Russia)
Bride	LILLIE B. LEWIS
Race	Negro
Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Occupation	Office worker
Father	MAURICE FULTON LEWIS
	(born in the United States)
Mother	MAY ANDERSON LEWIS
	(born in the United States)

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The aforementioned marriage records further reflected that said marriage was the first for Miss LEWIS and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had been formerly married to FRANCINE SCHNEEBERG, who divorced him on July 6, 1954, at Detroit, Michigan, on the grounds of cruelty.

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[T-1] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 4, 1955, that LILLIAN B. LEWIS had formerly held the position in the Communist Party of Membership Director of the Harlem Region. On this date, the informant advised that LILLIAN B. LEWIS was no longer in this position and was of the opinion that LEWIS was no longer active in the Communist Party Underground in New York City.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. Residence

Miss MURIEL KEANE, Manager of Morningside Properties, 2061 Broadway, New York City, which realty company is building agent for the apartment dwelling at 424-430 119th Street, New York City, advised on June 14, 1955, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had rented Apartment 23 at 424 West 119th Street, New York City, on a two-year lease commencing on June 1, 1955.

Mrs. FRANK J. (EDNA)FULLER, Superintendent at the apartment dwelling of 424-430 119th Street, New York City, advised on June 14, 1955, that the subject was residing in Apartment 23 at 424 West 119th Street, New York City.

Mrs. FULLER further advised that the subject had indicated that his mother and wife were also residing with him in the aforementioned apartment.

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Former Residence

(U) [T-2] who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject's former residence, advised on June 13, 1955, that the subject had resided in the basement apartment at 1227 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York, from June, 1954, until the morning of June 13, 1955. (U) [T-2] further advised that from approximately July, 1954, until June 13, 1955, the subject's mother also resided at the aforementioned address with the subject.

C. Employment

(U) [T-3] who has furnished reliable information in the past, (U) advised on [December 10, 1954,] that the subject was employed with the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), 6 East 17th Street, New York City, as of December 9, 1954.

(U) (U) [T-3] advised on [June 7, 1955,] that the subject had continued his employment at CRC and was so employed as of this date.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

II. SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

A. Subject's General Civil Rights Congress Staff Activities

(U) [T-4] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 6, 1954, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, of CRC, had by written correspondence, solicited contributions to assist the CRC in its campaign to defend WILLIAM L. (U) PATTERSON. [T-4] further advised that ALBERTSON stated in this correspondence, which was dated November 30, 1954, that PATTERSON had asked him to take over some of his work at CRC.

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(U) [T-3] previously mentioned, advised on [February 4, 1955,] that WILLIAM PATTERSON was, as of that date, National Executive Secretary of the CRC, New York City.

(U) (U) [T-3] advised on [December 8, 1954,] that the subject was assigned by the Communist Party to temporarily take WILLIAM L. PATTERSON's place in the CRC and that the subject would work for both the National and the New York State CRC.

(U) (U) [T-3] advised on [April 19, 1955,] that ALBERTSON continues to be on the staff at CRC, 6 East 17th Street, New York City.

B. Subject's Activities in Behalf of the Steering Committee of the Civil Rights Congress

(U) [T-3,] previously mentioned, advised on [December 15, 1954,] that the subject was [Chairman of a CRC Meeting held on December 9, 1954, at CRC Headquarters, 6 East 17th St., New York City,] at which the CRC Steering Committee was officially established. [T-3 further advised that the subject directed a meeting of the CRC Steering Committee, also held on December 9, 1954.]

(U) [T-3] furnished the following information concerning the subject's activities in behalf of the CRC Steering Committee on the dates indicated:

[T-3] Advised On	Place and Activity	Date of Meeting
[January 11, 1955]	Subject [in behalf of Steering Committee, called a larger meeting of CRC activists, which was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City, at which the subject spoke.]	[December 20, 1954]
[January 11, 1955]	Subject directed a [CRC Steering Committee Meeting, held at CRC Headquarters, New York City]	[December 27, 1954 (Evening)]

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T-3 Advised On	Place and Activity	Date of Meeting
January 4, 1955 (U)	Subject directed CRC Steering Committee Meeting held at CRC Headquarters, New York City (U)	January 3, 1955 (U)
January 11, 1955 (U)	Subject directed CRC Steering Committee Meeting held at CRC Headquarters, New York City (U)	January 10, 1955 (U)
January 25, 1955 (U)	Subject attended CRC Steering Committee Meeting with representatives from groups aiding in the promotion of CRC mass rally to be held on January 26, 1955, at CRC Headquarters, New York City (U)	January 24, 1955 (Evening) (U)
February 24, 1955 (U)	Subject directed CRC Steering Committee Meeting held at CRC Headquarters, New York City (U)	February 21, 1955 (U)

C. Subject's Activities in Behalf of the Finance Committee of the Civil Rights Congress (U)

T-3 previously mentioned, furnished the following information concerning the subject's activities in behalf of the Finance Committee of the CRC, on the dates indicated: (U)

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T-3 Advised On	Place and Activity	Date of Meeting
March 15, 1955	Subject present at [Finance Committee] Meeting held at [CRC Headquarters, New York City]	March 7, 1955
March 16, 1955	Subject attended meeting [of Finance Committee, held at CRC Headquarters, New York City]	March 14, 1955
March 29, 1955	Subject attended [Finance Committee] Meeting held [at CRC Headquarters, New York City]	March 28, 1955

D. Subject's Activities in Behalf of the Sedition Committee of the Civil Rights Congress

[T-3], previously mentioned, advised on [April 26, 1955, that the subject was Chairman of the CRC Meeting held on the evening of April 25, 1955, at the Yugoslav Hall, which had as its purpose the organization of a CRC Sedition Committee which would campaign against State Sedition Laws.

[T-3] advised on [May 4, 1955] that the subject was in attendance [at a CRC Sedition Committee Meeting held on the evening of May 2, 1955, at CRC Headquarters, 6 East 17th Street, New York City.]

E. Miscellaneous Activity of the Subject in Behalf of the Civil Rights Congress

[T-3] advised on [December 16, 1954] that the subject had solicited support for the CRC campaign in behalf of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON.

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON has been previously characterized in this report.

(U) (U) [T-3] advised on [January 7, 1955,] that the subject attended a meeting of CRC people from the Bronx, New York, area, which was (U) held on the evening of January 6, 1955.

(U) (U) [T-3] advised on [January 27, 1955,] that the subject made a collection speech at the mass rally to "Free WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS," which was held under the auspices of CRC on the evening of January 26, 1955, at (U) Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. [T-3] further advised concerning this meeting that there were approximately 400 individuals in attendance.

BENJAMIN JEFFERSON DAVIS, Jr., mentioned above, as BENJAMIN DAVIS, was convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, of violation of the Smith Act of 1940 for conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence. On October 21, 1949, DAVIS was sentenced to five years in prison and fined $10,000.

(U) [T-5], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [January 31, 1955], that the subject made a collection speech before approximately 250 to 275 persons at the CRC rally held for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, on Wednesday, January 26, 1955, at the Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, in its January 21, 1955 issue, page 6, column 5, reflects under the heading "SACB to Recess CRC Meeting," a quote from "WILLIAM ALBERTSON of CRC" as follows: "We have illusions about the built-in verdicts of the McCarran Act. Only the pressure of the people can guarantee a free trial."

(U) [T-3] mentioned previously, advised on [February 11, 1955,] that the subject served as Chairman for the CRC Victory Celebration and Dinner held the evening of February 10, 1955, at Small's Paradise, New York City. [T-3] further advised that the subject cited the release of WILLIAM PATTERSON from prison as a lesson to all that with the proper effort such fights could be won and that the same forces should now be expanded and directed against the "thought-control Smith Act."

(U) [T-6], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [February 11, 1955,] that the subject acted as Chairman at the Homecoming Dinner and Reception for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, sponsored by the CRC, which was held at Small's Paradise, Seventh Avenue and 135th Street, New York City, on February 10, 1955.

(U) [T-5], previously mentioned, advised on [February 20, 1955,] that the subject was the Chairman of the program at the WILLIAM L. PATTERSON Victory Dinner, held on February 10, 1955, at Small's Paradise Cabaret, New York City. New York T-5 further advised that the subject welcomed the approximately 300 to 325 persons attending the Victory Dinner and told them in part that the CRC must fight harder to keep WILLIAM PATTERSON from ever going to jail again.

(U) [T-3], previously mentioned, advised on [February 21, 1955,] that the subject attended a [CRC Conference held on February 19-20, 1955, at the Yugoslav Hall, New York City,] and that the subject spoke at this meeting on the organization, finance and defense activities of the CRC.

(U) [T-3] advised on [February 21, 1955,] that the subject had undersigned a two page mimeographed communication captioned "Victory and the Fight for Civil Rights", which solicited contributions to aid the CRC's activity in defense of Civil Rights.

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(U) [T-3] advised on [February 25, 1955,] that the subject was [Chairman of the CRC Meeting held on February 21, 1955, at (U) CRC Headquarters, 6 East 17th Street, New York City.]

(U) [T-7,] who has furnished reliable information in the (U) past, advised on [March 11, 1955,] that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had indicated their CRC affiliation on February 11, 1955, on the lease renewal for CRC Headquarters, 6 East 17th Street, New York City, said lease to run from February 1, 1955 through January 31, 1956.

(U) (U) [T-3,] previously mentioned, advised on [May 12, 1955,] that the subject served as Chairman at a reception given under CRC auspices for STEVE NELSON, which was held the evening of May 11, 1955, at the Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

STEVE NELSON was tried in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and found guilty on August 20, 1953, of violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On August 25, 1953, NELSON and his co-defendants, among which was WILLIAM ALBERTSON, were sentenced to five years imprisonment.

III. INFORMATION CONCERNING APPEAL OF SUBJECT'S CONVICTION BEFORE UNITED STATES THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The "New York Times", a New York City newspaper, in its issue of June 14, 1955, page 13, column 1, reflected in part the following:

"'WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Party Secretary', was covicted in August, 1953, along with four other top Communist Party leaders in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia and sentenced in Federal Court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to a five year term for having conspired to advocate the violent overthrow of the government."

The "New York Times" article further reflected that on June 13, 1955, the United States District Court of Appeals upheld the above conviction.

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(U) T-1	Documentation of LILLIAN B. LEWIS, 4/4/55.			b7D
(U) T-2	Info re subject's former residence	6/13/55	SA (orally)	Instant report
(U) T-3 NY 384-S	Subject serving at CRC as of 12/9/54	12/10/54	SA (orally)	65-5604-390
(U)	Subject serving at CRC as of 6/7/55	6/7/55	"	Instant report
	Documentation of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 2/4/55.			
(U)	Subject assigned by CP to temporarily take WILLIAM L. PATTERSON's place at CRC	12/8/54	SA (written)	(U) b7D b6 b7C
(U)	Subject on staff at CRC as of 4/19/55	4/19/55	SA (orally)	65-5604-463 p. 4-6
(U)	CRC Steering Committee Meeting, 12/9/54	12/15/54	SA (written)	(U) b6 b7C b7D
(U)	Subject speaker in behalf of CRC Steering Committee, Adelphi Hall, NYC, 12/20/54	1/11/55	"	(U)

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(U) [T-3] (Cont'd)	Subject [directed CRC Steering Committee Meeting, 12/27/54, NYC] (U)	[1/11/55] (U)	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] (U) b6 b7C b7D
(U)	Subject [directed CRC Steering Committee Meeting, 1/3/55] (U)	[1/4/55] (U)	SA [redacted] (orally)	65-5604-395
(U)	Subject [directed CRC Steering Committee Meeting, 1/10/55]	[1/11/55]	"	65-5604-404
(U)	Subject [attended CRC Steering Committee Meeting, 1/24/55] (U)	[1/25/55] (U)	"	65-5604-413
(U)	Subject [directed CRC Streering Committee Meeting, 2/21/55]	[2/24/55]	"	65-5604-434
(U)	Subject [attended CRC Finance Committee Meeting, 3/7/55] (U)	[3/15/55]	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] (U) b6 b7C b7D
(U)	Subject [attended CRC Finance Committee Meeting, 3/14/55]	[3/16/55]	SA [redacted] (orally)	65-5604-444

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(U) T-3 (Cont'd)	Subject attended CRC Finance Committee Meeting, 3/28/55 (U)	3/29/55 (U)	SA [redacted] (orally)	65-5604-449
(U)	Subject Chairman of CRC Meeting to organize Sedition Committee, 4/25/55, NYC (U)	4/26/55	"	65-5604-465
(U)	Subject attended CRC Sedition Committee Meeting, 5/2/55 (U)	5/4/55	"	65-5604-475
(U)	Subject solicited support in behalf of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON	12/16/55	SA [redacted] (written)	65-5604-394
(U)	Subject attended CRC meeting, 1/6/55	1/7/55	SA [redacted] (orally)	65-5604-405
(U)	Subject made collection speech at "Free WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS rally, 1/26/55	1/27/55	"	65-5604-414
(U)	Subject served as Chairman, CRC Victory Dinner, 2/10/55	2/11/55	"	65-5604-425

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(U) T-3 (Cont'd)	Subject attended CRC Conference, (U) 2/19-20/55	2/21/55 (U)	SA [redacted] (orally)	65-5604-443
(U)	Subject undersigned mimeographed correspondence captioned "Victory and the Fight for Civil Rights"	2/21/55	SA [redacted] (written)	65-5604 437
(U)	Subject Chairman of CRC Meeting, 2/21/55	2/25/55 (U)	"	[redacted] (U)
(U)	Subject served as Chairman at CRC Reception for STEVE NELSON, 5/11/55, NYC	5/12/55	SA [redacted] (U) rally)	65-5604-480
T-4 [redacted] (U)	CRC letter reflecting WILLIAM L. PATTERSON asked subject to take over some of PATTERSON's work at CRC	12/6/54 (U)	SA [redacted]	100-80675
T-5 [redacted] (U)	Info re CRC rally for PATTERSON, 1/26/55	1/31/55 (U)	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] (U)

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(U) T-5 (Cont'd)	Subject Chairman of program at PATTERSON's Victory Dinner, 2/10/55 (U)	2/20/55	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] (U) b6 b7C b7D
(U) T-6	Homecoming Dinner and Reception for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 2/10/55 (U)	2/11/55	SA [redacted]	65-5604-432 b6 b7C b7D
(U) T-7	Subject and PATTERSON indicated CRC affiliation on lease renewal (U)	3/11/55	SA [redacted] (orally)	65-5604-443 b6 b7C

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of sources must be concealed.

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CHICAGO

A copy of this report is being furnished for the information of Chicago inasmuch as Chicago informants have furnished information concerning the subject in the past and in view of Chicago's CRC organizational activities in that area.

DETROIT

A copy of this report is being furnished for the information of Detroit in view of subject's past activities in the Detroit Field Division and for their assistance in any possible future contacts with informants who have furnished information concerning the subject in the past.

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PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Alleghony County)

Will maintain contact with USA at Pittsburgh and continue to report subject's status under Smith Act conviction and all pertinent information concerning his activities.

Pittsburgh's attention for informational purposes is directed to the case entitled, "LILLIAN B. LEWIS, was; SM-C", (Pittsburgh File 100-9305), the subject of which is identical with the individual reflected in this report as ALBERTSON's wife.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities.

MISCELLANEOUS

The subject is on the Security Index of the NYO and information on subject's SI card is current and accurate.

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted], 9/20/54, Pittsburgh. b6 b7C
Pittsburgh letter, 3/21/55.

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DIRECTOR

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA of 1940.

AUSA [redacted] WDPA, advised on 8/16/55 that his office is in receipt of communication from subject postmarked at New York, N. Y., which in substance states that the subject may be reached care of Briehl's Farm, Wallkill, N. Y., approximately 75 miles from New York City limits, beginning either 9/4 or 9/5/55 and ending 9/18/55. Subject stated trip is for purpose of vacation.

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TO : Director, FBI (File 65-38100) DATE: 6-22-55

FROM : SAC, New York (File 65-5504)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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This case will be delinquent. 6-22-55 I.R.-C

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : L. F. NICHOLS LFN

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, WAS., INTERNAL SECURITY - (C). ESPIONAGE

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We are presently in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits presently on hand, in order that we may weed out those which will serve no useful purpose by being retained. Inasmuch as a great many of these bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that you have the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein. A notation as to the decision rendered should be placed on this memorandum, and it should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Section, room 1113, Identification Building. This memorandum will be filed in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-listed bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: September 6, 1955

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-16560)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALEXANDER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re report of [redacted] dated July 14, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan, captioned as above, and Bulet dated May 24, 1955, captioned [redacted] (former [redacted]) b6 b7C b7D

(U) Referenced letter requested that information furnished by [redacted] (former [redacted]) be reviewed and that the Bureau and interested Offices be advised, under the caption of the individual case containing information furnished by him, of his discontinuance as an informant and current availability as a potential witness. b7D

(U) Information furnished by [redacted] concerning captioned Subject was reported to the Bureau and to the New York and Pittsburgh Divisions under [T-?? on Page 6, paragraphs 4 and 5, of above referenced report.]

(U) [redacted] (former [redacted]) was born [redacted] was arrested April 20, 1952, by the Detroit Police Department for investigation of operating a gaming place, and this case was dismissed. It is noted this arrest was made in connection with CP activity. He was a paid informant. [redacted] has testified at the Detroit Smith Act Trial in December, 1953. [redacted] was a club officer in the CPA and District 7, CP, USA, of Michigan, from 1944 to December 9, 1953. He is currently available as a potential witness. b7D

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Title	Character
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	INTERNAL SECURITY-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940

Synopsis of facts:

On 6/13/55, U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., denied appeal of subject and co-defendants from conviction for violation of Smith Act of 1940. On or about 7/15/55, a petition for re-hearing by U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals filed in behalf of subject and co-defendants. AUSA, PG, advised on 8/21/55 that petition for re-hearing was denied by U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals. AUSA, PG, advised on 8/18/55 that U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals ordered confinement mandates, pertaining to subject and co-defendants, be stayed until 9/26/55 pending the filing of a writ of certiorari with U.S. Supreme Court. USA, PG, advised on 9/14/55 that a motion had been filed in behalf of subject and co-defendants with U.S. Supreme Court requesting a further stay of confinement mandates pertaining to defendants and an extension of time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari until 10/10/55.

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DETAILS:

FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

On June 13, 1955, the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., handed down a decision denying the appeal of the subject and his co-defendants (STEVE NELSON, IRVING EISSMAN, BENJAMIN CAREATHERS, and JAMES DOLSEN) from conviction in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa., for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

On July 19, 1955, [redacted] then Assistant U.S. Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised SA [redacted] that on or about July 15, 1955, a petition for a re-hearing was filed before the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., in behalf of the subject and his co-defendants. Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] advised that this petition, which was signed by THOMAS D. McBRIDE, [redacted] FRANK J. DONNER, [redacted] and RALPH E. POWE, [redacted] listed the following points in argument for a re-hearing:

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1. The court erred in applying an improper standard with respect to the sufficiency of the evidence. There was no evidence of incitement.

2. There was no valid proof of any overt act by appellants within the meaning of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code.

3. The court erred in its disposition of the clear and present danger issues.

4. The admissibility of evidence of acts and declarations innocent when made.

5. The court erred in holding admissible acts and declarations innocent when made.

6. The court should re-consider the appellants were denied due process by the use of the testimony of certain of the professional informer witnesses.

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On August 12, 1955, then Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the U.S. Attorney's Office at Pittsburgh had received a letter dated August 11, 1955 from the Clerk of the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., which stated that said court had denied the aforementioned petition for re-hearing of the appeal filed in said case.

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On August 18, 1955, then Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] advised SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE that the U.S. Attorney's Office at Pittsburgh was in receipt of a communication from the Clerk of the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, which stated that the court had ordered that the confinement mandates pertaining to the subject and his co-defendants in the case of the United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON), et al, be stayed until September 26, 1955 in order that a writ of certiorari might be filed with the Supreme Court of the United States in behalf of the defendants.

On September 14, 1955, D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, U.S. Attorney, Pittsburgh, advised SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE that his office was in receipt of a letter from Attorney FRANK DONNER in behalf of the defendants in the case of the United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON), et al, which stated in substance that a motion had been filed in behalf of the subject and his co-defendants before Honorable Judge HAROLD H. BURTON of the U.S. Supreme Court, requesting an extension of time in filing a petition for a writ of certiorari from September 1, 1955 until October 10, 1955. U.S. Attorney ANDERSON advised that the motion also requested the U.S. Supreme Court for a further stay of the confinement mandates pertaining to all defendants until October 10, 1955.

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (Alloghony County)

Will maintain contact with U.S. Attorney at Pittsburgh in order to report the results of the court action in this matter.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 9/20/54.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WILLIAM ALEXANDER	INTERNAL SECURITY - C, SMITH ACT OF 1940

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to reside in Apartment 23, 424 W. 119th St., NYC, and employment at CRC Headquarters, NYC. Subject in attendance on 8/2/55, at National CP Conference, NYC, and at special New York State CP meeting, 6/21/55, NYC. Subject attended NY CRC committee meetings on State Sedition Laws during [May and June, 1955] and directed New York CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee meetings during [June and July, 1955] Subject served as chairman of a meeting and reception for STEVE NELSON on 5/11/55, at NYC. Subject posted $15,000 in bearer bonds to release RAMON HIRABAL CARRION, Puerto Rican Communist Leader, from jail on 8/8/55.

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DETAILS: All informants utilized in this report may be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

Posted 10/10/55 WMH

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. FRANK J. FULLER, building superintendent at the apartment type-dwelling, 424-30 West 119th Street, New York City, advised on September 9, 1955, that the subject continues to reside in Apartment 23 at 424 West 119th Street, New York City, with his, the subject's, wife and mother.

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Mr. FULLER further advised, on the above date, that he is of the opinion that the subject and his wife were away from their residence on a "short holiday." (U)

In connection with the above, it is to be noted that Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Western District of Pennsylvania, advised on August 16, 1955, that his office was in receipt of a communication from the subject, postmarked at New York, New York, which in substance stated that the subject could be reached in care of Friehl's Farm, Walkill, New York, beginning either September 4, or 5, 1955, and ending September 18, 1955. The subject further related in the above communication that his trip was for the purpose of a vacation. (U)

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B. Employment

(U) [T-1] advised on [September 7, 1955,] that the subject continues to be employed as a national functionary at the Headquarters of the Civil Rights Congress, 6 East 17th Street, New York City.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

II. SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

(U) [T-2] advised on [August 6, 1955,] that the subject attended a national Communist Party conference on August 2, 1955. [T-2] further advised that this conference dealt primarily with the defense of the Communist Party and that this conference was held at the Yugoslav-American Home, New York City, on August 2-3, 1955.

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T-1 advised on June 22, 1955, that the subject was in attendance at a special meeting called by the New York State Communist Party on June 21, 1955. T-1 further advised that this meeting was called in order to form a New York defense organization to serve in behalf of the Communist Party locally.

T-1 stated ALBERTSON advised at the meeting that the Communist Party and the Civil Rights Congress had been thinking of setting up a New York defense organization to coordinate and direct all cases involving civil liberties in the New York area but that the main task for such an organization would be defense of the Communist Party and the Smith Act subjects.

III. SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS (CRC)

A. Subject's CRC Activities in Behalf of the Committee on State Sedition Laws

T-1 advised on the dates indicated below that the subject attended the following meetings of the New York CRC Committee on State Sedition Laws:

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Date T-1 Advised
5/2/55	CRC Headquarters 6 East 17th Street New York City	5/10/55
5/9/55	" " "	5/16/55
5/16/55	" " "	5/23/55
5/23/55	" " "	6/3/55

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B. Subject's CRC Activities in Behalf of the Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee

(U) T-1 advised on the dates indicated below that the subject was in attendance and directed the following CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee meetings:

Date of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Date T-1 Advised
(U) 6/6/55	CRC Headquarters 6 East 17th Street New York City	6/14/55 (U)
(U) 7/12/55	(U) " " "	7/13/55
7/28/55 (Evening)	" " "	7/29/55 (U)

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C. Subject's General Activities in Behalf of the CRC

(U) T-1 on May 16, 1955, advised that the subject was chairman of a meeting and reception for STEVE NELSON and the introduction of NELSON'S new book "The 13th Juror" which was held on May 11, 1955, at the Yugoslav-American Home, New York City.

(U) T-1 further advised that the subject spoke to the approximately 290 persons attending the above meeting and opened the meeting with a review of State Sedition Laws. The subject stated that this meeting was the beginning of the campaign in New York State against the use of State Sedition Laws. (U) T-1 further advised that following the above mentioned meeting the subject introduced STEVE NELSON to the audience.

STEVE NELSON was tried in the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and found guilty on August 20, 1953, of violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On August 25, 1953, NELSON and his co-defendants, among which was WILLIAM ALBERTSON, were sentenced to five years in prison.

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According to the United States District Court Clerk, San Juan, Puerto Rico, RAMON MIRABAL CARRION was released on August 8, 1955, after $15,000 in bearer bonds were posted by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Room 200, 6 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, and that the bond and power of attorney and agreement were signed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

It is to be noted that the aforementioned address of 6 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, is the New York Headquarters of the CRC.

RAMON MIRABAL CARRION was arrested in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on October 20, 1954, for conspiracy to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the government in violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The "New York Times," a New York City newspaper, in its November 11, 1954, issue reflected in a news dispatch under the caption, "Puerto Rican Red Loses Plea" that Federal District Judge CECIL A. SNYDER had refused on November 10, 1954, to issue a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of "RAMON MIRABAL CARRION, Puerto Rican Communist Leader."

IV. INFORMATION CONCERNING APPEAL OF THE SUBJECT'S CONVICTION BEFORE UNITED STATES THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Western District of Pennsylvania, advised SA [redacted] on August 12, 1955, that his office was in receipt of a letter, dated August 11, 1955, from the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which stated that the Appellate Court had denied the petition for a rehearing of the appeal filed in the case of the United States vs. STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON); ET AL, for conviction under the Smith Act of 1940.

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Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised SA RUSSELL H. GWYNNE on August 18, 1955, that his office was in receipt of a communication from the clerk of the aforementioned United States Court of Appeals which stated

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that the court had ordered that the confinement mandates involving all defendants in the case of the United States vs. STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON); ET AL be stayed until September 26, 1955, in order that a writ of certiorari may be filed with the Supreme Court of the United States in behalf of the defendants.

It is to be noted that the subject is a defendant in the case entitled, "United States vs. STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON); ET AL."

V. MISCELLANEOUS

(U) (U) T-3 advised on June 22, 1955, that the subject and his wife, LILLIAN B. LEWIS, attended a reception in honor of their marriage held on June 19, 1955, at the home of SID and ROSE REITER, [redacted]

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(U) (U) T-3 advised on April 8, 1955, that SIDNEY REITER appeared to be continuing as Literature Director of the Harlem Region, New York County Communist Party, and that REITER's wife, ROSE REITER, as of that date, remained in the position of Membership Financial Director of the Harlem Region, New York County Communist Party.

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T-1 (U)	(U) Subject's employment at CRC, NYC	9/7/55	(orally)	Instant Report
(U)	(U) NY State CP meeting attended by subject on 6/21/55	6/22/55	DONALD P. ADAMS (orally)	65-5604-505
(U)	(U) Subject attended CRC Committee Meeting on State Sedition Laws, NYC (5/2/55)	5/10/55	(report dated 5/5/55) (U)	
(U)	(U) Subject attended CRC Committee Meeting on State Sedition Laws, NYC (5/9/55)	5/16/55	(report dated 5/12/55) (U)	
(U)	(U) Subject attended CRC Committee Meeting on State Sedition Laws, NYC (5/16/55)	5/23/55	(report dated 5/18/55) (U)	
(U)	(U) Subject attended CRC Committee Meeting on State Sedition Laws, NYC (5/23/55)	6/3/55	(report dated 5/27/55) (U)	
(U)	(U) Subject attended CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee meeting on 6/6/55, NYC	6/14/55	(report dated 6/11/55) (U)	

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T-1 (Cont'd.) (U)	Subject attended CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee meeting, NYC, (7/12/55) (U)	7/13/55 (U)	[redacted] (orally)	65-5604-525
(U)	Subject attended CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee meeting, NYC, (7/28/55)	7/29/55	[redacted] (U) rally)	65-5604-536
	Subject Chairman of meeting and reception for STEVE NELSON, 5/11/55, NYC	5/16/55 (U)	[redacted] (U)	(U)
T-2 CG 5824-S (U)	Subject attended National CP Conference, NYC, 8/2/55 (U)	8/6/55 (U)	[redacted] and [redacted] (orally)	(U) NY 65-5604-543
T-3 [redacted] (U)	Subject and wife attended wedding reception in their honor, 6/19/55, NYC	6/22/55 (U)	[redacted]	65-5604-528

Used to document SIDNEY and ROSE REITER

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(U) The information reported in the details of this report from [T-1 (NY 384-S)] concerning the subject serving as chairman of a CRC meeting and reception for (U) STEVE NELSON on May 11, 1955, was previously reported in referenced report. The same informant [(NY 384-S)] subsequently furnished a written report which contained greater detail of the May 11, 1955, meeting and, therefore, this additional information has been included in this report.

The subject is on the Security Index of the New York Office and information on the subject's SI card is current and accurate.

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PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Allegheny County)

Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh and continue to report subject's status under the Smith Act conviction and all pertinent information coming to your attention concerning the subject's activities.

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities.

REFERENCE New York report of SA [redacted] 6/23/55. b6 b7C

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Synopsis:

Subject continues residence in Apartment 23, at 424 West 119th Street, New York City, and employment at Civil Rights Congress Headquarters, New York City. Special account of subject at New York Bank reflects payments to Smith Act defendants, Communist Party members and attorneys active in defense of or connected with CP and CRC. Activity continues in groups and with individuals connected with and helped by CRC

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. FRANK J. FULLER, Building Superintendent, 424-430 West 119th Street,

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New York City, advised SA [redacted] on December 13, 1955, that the subject continues to reside in Apartment 23 at 424 West 119th Street, New York City.

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B. Employment

(U) On [November 29, 1955, T-1,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which revealed that the subject is still employed as a national officer at the headquarters of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), 6 East 17th Street, New York City.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) On [October 13, 1955, T-2,] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that ALBERTSON, [of the CRC, received a weekly pay of $56.73 before deductions. The informant specified that this period covered the first six months of 1955.]

C. Health

(U) [T-3,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [August 18, 1955,] that the subject had been in a hospital since the previous Monday (August 15, 1955) suffering with varicose veins. According to the informant, ALBERTSON would probably be out of the hospital on the next day (August 19, 1955).

II. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] Detective, New York City Police Department, a member of the Communist Party as an undercover operative for the New York City Police Department from April, 1943 to November, 1951 when she was expelled, testified in open hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities between May 3 - 6, 1955 (Publication: Investigation of Communist Activities, New York Area - Parts III and IV).

Concerning the subject, [redacted] testified that ALBERTSON was a member of the Brooklyn Communist Party; was trade union director of the County Committee of the Brooklyn Communist Party in 1944; became vice president of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association in 1944, and also addressed a meeting of the Flatbush Club of the Communist Party. [redacted] was a member of the Flatbush Club from April, 1944 until January, 1946.

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The Communist Political Association has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ROSARIO ROBERT PAGNATTO, self-admitted member of the Communist Party from about 1946 until April, 1948, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on October 20, 1955 that SAM KANTOR, a Communist Party member, selected PAGNATTO to attend a two-week school sponsored by the Communist Party at the corner of 17th Street and Third Avenue, New York City. PAGNATTO advised that the school consisted of courses in Marxism and Leninism and that PAGNATTO personally knows that KANTOR's selection of PAGNATTO to attend this school was approved by the subject. PAGNATTO could not recall the books used for study except that they were books on Marxism and Leninism and were passed out at the session and collected when the session was over. (U)

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(U) [T-1] advised on [September 30, 1955] that a [special meeting of "Party people" was held on September 29, 1955 at the Jefferson School of Social Science and was attended by the subject.] The informant learned that the meeting was called under the auspices of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party for the purpose of organizing a New York State Communist Party Defense Commission.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) On [October 6, 1955, T-1] reported that the subject attended a meeting [in the evening of October 5, 1955 at CRC Headquarters concerning] the New York State Communist Party Defense Commission.

III. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE CRC

A. Financial Transactions

1. CRC Account

(U) On August 31, 1955, [T-4], who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made information available reflecting that WILLIAM ALBERTSON endorsed two checks to himself from the CRC account at the Commercial State Bank, 116 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The checks were dated August 15, 1955 and August 22, 1955 and totaled $69.75. Two additional checks endorsed by ALBERTSON under dates of August 8, 1955 and August 10, 1955 were made out to the WILLIAM ALBERTSON special account also maintained at this bank for an amount totaling $71.75.

(U) On September 30, 1955, [T-4] made information available reflecting that three checks dated September 7, 16, and 23, 1955 were made out to the WILLIAM ALBERTSON special account from the account of the CRC in an amount totaling $48.30.

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(U) [T-4] on November 1, 1955, furnished information reflecting that seven checks during the month of October were paid from the CRC account to the WILLIAM ALBERTSON special account in an amount totaling $161.70.

2. WILLIAM ALBERTSON Special Account

(U) On August 31, 1955, [T-4] furnished the following information reflecting transactions from the WILLIAM ALBERTSON special account maintained at the Commercial State Bank, 116 Fifth Avenue, New York City:

Date of Check	Payee	Amount
July 28, 1955	RHODA LAKS	$ 25.00
July 29, 1955	SAM BARRON	60.00
July 29, 1955	CHARLES DIRBA	35.00
July 29, 1955	ROSALIND ROSE	45.00
August 8, 1955	RALPH E. POWE	40.00
July 29, 1955	ROBERT Z. LEWIS	100.00
August 11, 1955	MARY KAUFMAN	200.00
August 11, 1955	JUNIAS SCALES	93.67

(U) On September 30, 1955, [T-4] furnished information reflecting the following activity of ALBERTSON's account:

September 1, 1955	ROSALIND ROSE	$ 25.00
September 1, 1955	RHODA LAKS	25.00
August 30, 1955	WILLIAM L. PATTERSON	120.00
September 8, 1955	SAMUEL BARRON	60.00

(U) [T-4] on November 1, 1955, furnished information concerning the activity of ALBERTSON's account as follows:

October 6, 1955	ROSALINE ROSE	$ 45.00
October 6, 1955	RHODA LAKS	25.00
October 3, 1955	ROBERT Z. LEWIS	25.00
October 11, 1955	SAMUEL BARRON	60.00
October 11, 1955	W. L. PATTERSON	60.00
September 28, 1955	ALBERT E. BLUMBERG	20.00

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(U) The information furnished by T-4 does not reflect the full activity of this account. Information furnished by T-4 is available only upon the issuance of a subpoena.

(U) T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 16, 1954, that he considered ROSALIND ROSE to be a Communist Party member as of that date.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of January 21, 1955, page six, column four, reveals that RHODA LAKS represented the CRC before the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB).

(U) (U) T-1 advised in February, 1955, that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was National Executive Secretary of the CRC.

(U) T-6, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on September 27, 1954 that the name SAM BARRON was included on the payroll books of the New York County Communist Party in the period October 3, 1947 to January 19, 1951.

On October 16, 1952, ROBERT Z. LEWIS was introduced to SA [redacted] as an assistant who worked in the defense office of the Communist Party leaders then on trial in New York City.

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ALBERT E. BLUMBERG was indicted on October 6, 1954 by a Federal Grand Jury at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, charging membership in an organization which teaches and advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. (Smith Act of 1940.)

(U) T-2 furnished documents on October 13, 1955 which indicated that CHARLES DIRBA does some auditing work for the Communist Party.

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The "Daily Worker", on January 21, 1955, reflects RALPH E. POWE was an attorney for the CRC at a hearing before the SACB.

MARY KAUFMAN is an attorney prominent in the defense and preparation of the defense of Communist Party leaders in Smith Act trials.

On January 6, 1954, JOHN LAUTNER, a member of the Communist Party for over twenty years and who was, at the time of his expulsion in January, 1950, the chairman (U) of the New York State Review Commission, Communist Party, described KAUFMAN as an individual whom he would testify was known to him as a member of the Communist Party. LAUTNER did not specify the length of KAUFMAN's affiliation with the (U) Communist Party.

On April 21, 1955, JUNIUS SCALES was convicted for violation of the Smith Act in the United States District Court, Middle District, Greensboro, North Carolina.

(U) B. CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee

The subject attended and directed the following CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee meetings according to (U) T-1:

Date of Meeting	Place	Date T-1 Advised
(U) September 22, 1955	CRC Headquarters 6 East 17th Street New York City (U)	September 23, 1955 (U)
(U) October 10, 1955	CRC Headquarters 6 East 17th Street New York City (U)	October 11, 1955 (U)
(U) October 24, 1955	CRC Headquarters 6 East 17th Street New York City (U)	October 25, 1955 (U)

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(U) On October 11, 1955, T-1 advised that he had ascertained that the subject, among others, would be ready at all times to speak at gatherings promoted by the CRC Nelson Anti-Sedition Law Committee.

The informant also advised that ALBERTSON is (U) authorized to call a meeting of the committee at any time he deems it necessary.

(U) (U) T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 23, 1955 that JACK ZUCKER, Organizational Director, Pennsylvania CRC, had dictated a memorandum for transmittal to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the CRC.

According to the informant, two copies of this (U) memorandum were sent to the CRC National Office marked to the attention of "Mr. Albertson".

The informant learned that the memorandum dealt with a delegation of four, including ZUCKER, which met with HERBERT L. COHEN, Attorney General for the Common- (U) wealth of Pennsylvania, regarding the "Sedition Case - Nelson Appeal".

(U) (U) T-1 reported on November 29, 1955 that he had learned that SAM COLEMAN and the subject would meet with representatives from groups in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh active in the Nelson Case and related activities at CRC Headquarters on December 5, 1955. The informant learned that the purpose of the meeting is to secure agreement on a general program of activity to be followed by organizations active in the Nelson Case.

SAM COLEMAN was convicted on April 26, 1954 in United States District Court, San Francisco, California, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3, 371 and 1071 (Federal Harboring Statute). On May 3, 1954, he was sentenced to three years in prison and is presently out on $40,000 bond pending appeal.

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C. Council for Personal Freedom (CPF)

(U) On October 18, 1955, T-1 characterized the CPF as the "Party's (Communist Party) defense arm."

(U) On October 18, 1955, T-1 advised that the subject attended a meeting of the CPF on October 12, 1955 at CRC Headquarters, 6 East 17th Street, New York City.

(U) On October 26, 1955, the informant reported that ALBERTSON serves the CPF in an advisory capacity.

D. Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners (BCFPP)

(U) T-1 advised in November, 1954, that the BCFPP was formed in 1952 by Communist Party members in the Bronx, New York, and described this committee as a type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted Communist Party leaders.

According to the informant, the committee has no membership or formal organizational set-up and comes into activity only when an amnesty drive is in progress.

(U) T-1 reported on November 3, 1955 that a meeting of this committee was held on October 31, 1955 and that a $200.00 check was relayed to the subject for the (U) CRC fund for lawyers in the Nelson Case.

E. Miscellaneous CRC Activities

(U) T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 5, 1955, that a "full national staff meeting" was scheduled for April 2nd from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the National CRC Office. According to the informant, the following order of business was originally (U) proposed:

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"1. Financial Report and Budget
2. Next Steps in SACB Fight
3. The Anti-Informer Campaign"

(U) [T-8] was unable to attend this meeting and had no opportunity to learn of the resulting discussion.

(U) On [April 5, 1955, T-8] also furnished [a letter from the subject which the informant stated had come from the Pennsylvania CRC office in Philadelphia. The letter is dated March 17, 1955 and reveals that the CRC was having printed a folder of a "documented expose of the use of informants. It shows what goes on in the Department of Justice lie factory, why these lies are manufactured, and the role of the FBI... Keep in mind that this folder lends itself to both plant gate and other forms of mass distribution, as well as for mailings..."]

(U) On [August 26, 1955, T-9] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the subject [had approached LEON LETWIN to write an appendix for the CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT brief, but was unsuccessful inasmuch as LETWIN was leaving town.]

(U) On [February 9, 1955, T-10] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LEON LETWIN was an active Labor Youth League (LYL) leader in New York.

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was convicted in United States District Court at Chicago on January 26, 1955 for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

(U) On [September 19, 1955, T-11] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [GEORGE WATT had attempted to contact the subject for the purpose of ALBERTSON getting an attorney for MAX WEISS who had just been arrested according to WATT.]

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(U) (U) T-10 advised on May 18, 1955 that GEORGE WATT was Trade Union Director of the Communist Party, USA.

On November 4, 1953, WATT was arrested at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on a warrant based on a complaint charging conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

On November 9, 1953, WATT and ten co-defendants were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, Ohio, on this charge.

On September 19, 1955, MAX WEISS was arrested in New York City for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

(U) T-11 reported on September 28, 1955 that ALBERTSON, on that date, had contacted AL BLUMBERG in (U) regard to a lawyer in the Nelson Case.

This informant stated on September 29, 1955 (U) that GEORGE BLAKE had contacted the subject at his office on that date concerning legal matters.

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, with aliases, was convicted of conspiring to violate the Smith Act of 1940 in the case entitled, "United States vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL", in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953, and was subsequently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on January 31, 1955. Federal Judge EDWARD J. DIMOCK granted a motion for a new trial to CHARNEY and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, a co-defendant, on the basis that HARVEY M. MATUSOW, a Government witness, had lied during this Smith Act trial in 1952 - 1953. CHARNEY was released from the penitentiary on April 23, 1955 on $5000 bond.

(U) T-12, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished on October 21, 1955 a letter dated "27th September 1955." The letter was addressed to (U) "William Patterson and Bill Albertson" from an individual

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with an "in care of" address in Scotland. The letter requested ALBERTSON's and PATTERSON's help towards the success of a "Delegate Conference of 'Democratic Rights in America'" organized October 23, 1955 in Glasgow, Scotland. The letter, though unsigned, makes reference
(U) to "the deportation of Potash and myself."

It is to be noted that JOHN WILLIAMSON and IRVING POTASH were members of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, who in 1949 were convicted for violating the Smith Act of 1940. After completion of sentence, WILLIAMSON and POTASH were deported, WILLIAMSON to England and POTASH to Poland.

T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 15, 1955 that a tour of the United States by "Puerto Rican Smith Act defendants"
(U) was being arranged by the subject.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Information on Appeal of Subject's Conviction

United States Attorney D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Western District of Pennsylvania, advised SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE, on October 19, 1955, that his office was in receipt of a copy of a petition for writ of certiorari filed in behalf of the defendants in the case "United States vs. STEPHAN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON), ET AL" with the United States Supreme Court on or about October 10, 1955.

B. Family Relations

(U) T-14 who is in a position to furnish reliable
(U) information, advised on September 12, 1955 that ESTHER ALBERTSON, motherof the subject, travelled to Pittsburgh,

arriving there about September 10, 1955 for a stay of about three or four weeks. The informant learned that the subject's mother is not getting along with ALBERTSON's new wife and decided to get away from them both for a while.

(U) (U) T-15, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 9, 1954 that he has known (U) ESTHER ALBERTSON for years as an ordinary Communist Party member. According to the informant, ESTHER ALBERTSON has been active in "civil liberties type groups." The exact length of membership was not specified by the informant.

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(U) T-1 NY 384-S*	(U) Employment	11/29/55		
	(U) 9/29/55 meeting at JSSS	9/30/55		
	(U) NYS CP Defense meeting 10/5/55	10/6/55		
	Documentation of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON u			
(U)	Nelson Anti-Sedition meeting 9/22/55	9/23/55		
(U)	Nelson Anti-Sedition meeting 10/10/55	10/11/55		
(U)	Nelson Anti-Sedition meeting 10/24/55	10/25/55		
(U)	Available to speak at Nelson Anti-Sedition gatherings u	10/11/55		
(U)	Authorized to call meeting of Nelson Anti-Sedition committee	10/11/55		
(U)	Meeting with Philadelphia & Pittsburgh groups 12/5/55	11/29/55		
	Documentation of the Council of Personal Freedom u			

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(U) T-1 (cont'd.)	(U) CPF meeting 10/12/55	10/18/55	(U)		
	Advisor to CPF	10/26/55	(U)		
	Documentation of the BCFPP Check from BCFPP 11/3/55				
(U) T-2 NY 1623-S*	(U) Weekly Pay Rate	10/13/55			
	Documentation of CHARLES DIRBA		(U)		
(U) T-3 NY 1475-S*	ALBERTSON in hospital	8/18/55	(U)		
(U) T-4 [redacted]	CRC account 8/31/55	8/31/55	SA [redacted]	65-5604-569	b6 b7C
	CRC account 9/30/55	9/30/55	"	65-5604-600	
	CRC account 10/31/55	11/1/55	"	65-5604-672	
	ALBERTSON special account 8/31/55	8/31/55	"	65-5604-587	b7D
	ALBERTSON special account 9/30/55	9/30/55	"	65-5604-601	
	ALBERTSON special account 11/1/55	11/1/55	"	65-5604-621	
(U) T-5 [redacted]	Documentation of ROSALIND ROSE		(U)		

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T-6 (U)	Documentation of SAM BARRON Records of New York County Communist Party, 73 West 99th Street, New York City, received by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] on 9/27/54, when declared abandoned by New York City Bureau of Encumbrances (100-26603-1A6402,3,4,5,6.)			(U) b6 b7C
T-7 PH 82-S* (U)	Memo re Sedition case Nelson appeal	8/23/55 (U)		
T-8 (U) [redacted]	CRC Meeting April 2nd (U)	4/5/55	SE [redacted] (U)	PH 100-31535-1B 117(25) b7D
	Informer folder letter (U)	"	"	"
T-9 (U) NY 1401-S*	Conversation with LETWIN 8/26/55 (U)	8/26/55	(U)	
T-10 (U) NY 694-S*	Documentation of LEON LETWIN			
	Documentation of GEORGE WATT			
T-11 (U) NY 693-S*	(U) Attempt by WATT to contact ALBERTSON	9/19/55		
	(U) Contact with AL BLUMBERG	9/28/55		
	(U) Contact with GEORGE BLAKE	9/29/55		

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(U) T-12 NY 1317-S*	Letter from individual believed to be WILLIAMSON (U)	10/21/55	(U)	
(U) T-13 CG 5824-S*	US tour by Puerto Rican defendants (C)	11/15/55	(U)	
(U) T-14 [redacted]	Mother's trip to Pittsburgh (U)	9/12/55	SA [redacted] (U)	[redacted] (U)
(U) T-15 NY 559-S*	Documentation of ESTHER ALBERTSON			

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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The subject is on the Security Index of the New York Office and the information on subject's Security Index card is current and accurate.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and has been found to still qualify for the Security Index.

LEADS

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At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh and continue to report subject's status under the Smith Act conviction and all pertinent information coming to your attention concerning the subject's activities.

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] 9/29/55, New York. b6 b7C
Report of SA [redacted] 9/22/55, Pittsburgh.

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AIR-TEL

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI PITTSBURGH 1/10/56 1:45 PM EST

DIRECTOR

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C, SA of 1940

USA D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, WDPA, advised 1/10/56 that he received New York telephone call from one ARTHUR CONNOY (phonetic), attorney, who identified self as associate of Attorney FRANK DONNER, who has represented Pittsburgh Smith Act subjects. CONNOY informed ANDERSON that WILLIAM ALBERTSON intended to travel to Pittsburgh, Pa., and remain in Pittsburgh on 1/12 and 13/56 and thereafter travel to West Virginia. CONNOY did not specify location in West Virginia where ALBERTSON intended to travel or duration of such travel. ANDERSON stated he informed CONNOY that such travel by ALBERTSON without consent of U. S. Court of Appeals for Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., would constitute violation of terms of his bond. ANDERSON pointed out that CONNOY indicated he was extremely perturbed concerning his (ANDERSON's) viewpoint on this matter.

ANDERSON requested that he be advised in the event this office received information that ALBERTSON travels as above.

Security Informants and Sources being alerted to report ALBERTSON's presence in Pittsburgh and West Virginia during above period. Pittsburgh will not conduct fisur of ALBERTSON.

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FBI PITTSBURGH 1/12/56 2:30 PM EST

DIRECTOR

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA of 1940

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USA D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, WDPA, advised 1/12/56 that his office is in receipt of copy of petition filed with U. S. Supreme Court on behalf of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Pittsburgh Smith Act defendant. ANDERSON stated said petition in substance requests permission for ALBERTSON to travel to Pittsburgh, Pa., 1/17 through 1/18/56 and thereafter proceed to Charleston, W. Va., for 1/19/56, and return to New York, N. Y., on 1/20/56. Petition states reason for travel is to consult co-defendants (U. S. vs. STEPHEN MESAROSH; Et Al) and to seek additional counsel. Petitioner indicated USA, WDPA, would be kept advised as to his address while in Pittsburgh and Charleston and prior to departing New York would obtain written permission of surety to such travel. Petition indicates copy furnished office of U. S. Solictor General, Washington, D. C.

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cc: Mr. Reddy

Assistant Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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Smith Act of 1940
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On January 24, 1956, United States Attorney D. Malcolm Anderson, Pittsburgh, advised that he had received a copy of an order issued by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals dated January 23, 1956, granting convicted Pittsburgh Smith Act defendant William Albertson permission to travel from New York City to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from January 24, 1956, through January 25, 1956; to thereafter proceed to Charleston, West Virginia, on January 26, 1956, and to return to New York City on the same date. The order instructed Albertson to obtain consent of surety and to furnish the United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, his addresses in both states.

On January 20, 1956, Albertson was observed by Agents of our Pittsburgh Office in that city in the company of Steve Nelson. United States Attorney Anderson was so advised. The records of the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, disclose that Albertson registered at that hotel at 7:59 a.m. on January 24, 1956. He indicated to the hotel clerk that he intended to stay "a couple of days" and listed as his address 430 West 119th Street, New York City.

United States Attorney Anderson indicated that he believes Albertson travelled to Pittsburgh prematurely and without consent of the court based on the terms of the original petition. United States Attorney Anderson indicated, however, that he contemplates taking no action relative to this matter at this time.

The above is being furnished for your information.

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FBI PITTSBURGH 1/24/56 4:20 PM EST

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SA of 1940.

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USA D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, WDPA, orally advised SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE 1/24/56 that he received a copy of an order issued by the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 1/23/56, granting WILLIAM ALBERTSON permission to travel from New York City to Pittsburgh, Pa., January 24 through January 25, 1956, and thereafter proceed to Charleston, W. Va., for January 26, 1956, and return New York City on same date. Order instructs that ALBERTSON obtain consent of surety and furnish USA, Pittsburgh, with addresses in both cities. USA ANDERSON of opinion court order contains revised dates of travel sought in petition referred to in reairtel.

ALBERTSON observed during spot fisurs at Pittsburgh 1/20/56 in company of STEVE NELSON, Pittsburgh Smith Act subject, and USA ANDERSON so advised.

Records of Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, disclose WILLIAM ALBERTSON registered at hotel 7:59 a.m. 1/24/56. ALBERTSON indicated to hotel clerk he intended to stay "a couple of days" and listed address 430 West 119th Street, New York City. Hotel records for January 1956 contained no other registration for ALBERTSON.

USA ANDERSON believes ALBERTSON travelled prematurely and without consent of court based on terms of original petition. USA ANDERSON indicated he contemplates taking no action at this time.

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From SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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SA OF 1940
(OO: NEW YORK)

USA D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, WDPA, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised this office via a copy of a letter dated 3-8-56 from ANDERSON to the Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., that he (ANDERSON) was in receipt of a petition of subject requesting permission to travel to Philadelphia, Pa. on 3-26-56 and to Washington, D.C. on 3-27-56 and that in view of the purposes set forth in the petition, USA, WDPA, interposed no objection to granting the request of subject.

Miss STELLA KOURAKOS, Steno and Receptionist, USA's Office, WDPA, furnished SA [redacted] on 3-14-56 with photostatic copy of said petition and papers pertaining thereto, which reflected that said petition of subject had been submitted by subject's attorneys, DONNER, KINOY, and PERLIN, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit, Philadelphia. The petition set forth in substance that the Supreme Court (of U.S.) has entered an order (in case styled USA versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, et al) granting subject's (and co-defendant's) petition for Writ of Certiorari from the judgment of the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, affirming the judgment of conviction entered by the USDC, WDPA, for violation of Section 3 of Smith Act; that subject desired permission to

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travel from New York City to Philadelphia, Pa., on 3-26-56 and then travel to Washington, D.C. on 3-27-56 and thereafter return to New York City on 3-27-56; and that the purpose of his travel was to consult with his co-defendant, JAMES DOLSEN, now residing in Philadelphia, and with members of the Bar in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. concerning the retaining of additional counsel to represent him in the proceedings now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. Petition set forth that his address while in Philadelphia would be 4510 Regent Street, care of Mr. DOLSEN and while in Washington, D.C. the Vivian Hotel, 1723 G Street NW.

Miss KOURAKOS also furnished photostatic copy of letter dated 3-12-56 from subject's attorney, ARTHUR KINOY, to Clerk, USDC, WDPA, which set forth that in accordance with an order of the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals (Philadelphia) of 3-9-56 granting subject permission to travel, he (attorney) was enclosing a copy of the "Consent to Travel by Surety," which was signed by SAUL GROSSMAN of Detroit, Mich.

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From SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C; SA of 1940.

Remyairtel, 3/15/56.

USA, D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, WDPA, advised SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE, 3/22/56, that his office is in receipt of a letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON(convicted Pittsburgh Smith Act subject) of 430-119th St., N.Y., N.Y., indicating that pursuant to an order filed before the Honorable JOHN BIGGS, JR., of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., he, ALBERTSON, intends to travel to Philadelphia, Pa., and Washington, D.C., on 3/26 and 3/27/56. ALBERTSON indicated that he could be reached care of DOLSEN, [redacted] on 3/26/56, and care of the Vivian Hotel, 1723 G Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., on 3/27/56.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-5604) 93

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940
(OO:NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of the report of SA [redacted] 3/28/56 , New York.

The following summary reports have been submitted on ALBERTSON:

Summary report, SA [redacted] 11/19/47, New York.

Prosecutive summary report, SA [redacted] 1/27/50, Pittsburgh.

Supplemental prosecutive summary report, SA [redacted] 7/14/51, Pittsburgh.

Supplemental prosecutive summary report, SA [redacted] 12/14/51, Pittsburgh.

Supplemental prosecutive summary report, SA [redacted] 9/29/52, Pittsburgh.

Supplemental prosecutive summary report, SA [redacted] 2/19/54, Detroit.

UACB, no supplemental investigative summary report will be submitted on the subject.

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Subject continues to r eside at 424 West 119th Street, NYC. CRC dissolved 1/6/56. Subject's name added to CP, USA, payroll 12/2/55. T-1 advised ALBERTSON would work for a CP national defense organization. Activities reflect continuation of work for CP legal defense. USA, Western District of Pennsylvania, contemplates no immediate action on possible violation of bond concerning apparent premature travel by subject without court permission.

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DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

FRANK J. FULLER, Building Superintendent, 424-430 West 119th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on March 12, 1956, that the subject continues to reside in Apartment 23 at 424 West 119th Street, New York City.

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B. Employment

(U) [T-1] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised in the past, specifically, on November 29, 1955, that the subject was employed as a national officer of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) at its headquarters at 6 East 17th Street, New York City.

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) [T-1] advised on [January 10, 1956,] that the

(U) subject's employment evidently continued until January 6, 1956, when the CRC was dissolved in a national convention held in New York City.

(U) On [December 22, 1955, T-2,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON [was added to the Communist Party (CP), USA, payroll on December 2, 1955, however,

(U) no salary was entered for ALBERTSON at this time.]

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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(U) On January 3, 1956, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned from MAX WEISS that a special committee of three, including BILL ALBERTSON, had been set up in regard to some type of CP work concerning action by the Supreme Court.

On September 19, 1955, MAX WEISS was arrested in New York City for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

(U) On January 10, 1956, T-1 advised that the subject will probably work with the CP's national defense organization.

(U) On January 16, 1956, T-1 advised of learning that ALBERTSON'S work with the national defense organization "is now forming."

II. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE CP

A. Past Activities

ALEXANDER GUSAKOFF, with aliases, a self-admitted CP member from the fall of 1925 until August, 1939, furnished a signed statement to SA [redacted], Headquarters Region Number IV, 441 Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, United States Army, on January 14, 1955.

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(U) GUSAKOFF'S statement reflects, in part, that all of his CP activities were carried out under the name of ALEXANDER GUSS and that he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) and New York District of the CP in 1926.

The YCL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On August 31 and September 9, 1955, T-4, a former self-admitted member of the CP, whose reliability is not known, but who because of his CP membership is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that (U) in 1947 he knew BILL ALBERTSON as Pennsylvania District (U) Number 5 CP Organizational Secretary. T-4 is certain that he attended many CP meetings with ALBERTSON during the 1946-1949 period, although he cannot recall specific (U) meetings or dates.

B. Activities in Behalf of Puerto Rican Smith Act Defendants

(U) On November 17, 1955, T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a copy of a letter to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER from WILLIAM ALBERTSON, dated September 2, 1955, in which ALBERTSON requests (U) FOSTER to write an article for the "Daily Worker" (DW) on the Smith Act arrests in Puerto Rico.

The DW is an east coast Communist daily newspaper. u

The DW, March 2, 1956, page one, column three, reflects an article identifying WILLIAM Z. FOSTER as National Chiarman of the CP, USA. u

(U) On January 18, 1956, T-6, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, provided a copy of a letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON that was in the possession of VIVIAN WEINSTEIN, more commonly known as (U) VIVIAN LEVIN.

This letter reflects that the tour of the United States by PABLO GARCIA was in connection with the "Puerto Rican Smith Act case expense" and that ALBERTSON (U) was directing this tour in some capacity.

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(U) On December 14, 1955, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that VIVIAN LEVIN was Los Angeles County CP Organizational Secretary during the summer and fall of 1955.

PABLO GARCIA was arrested on October 20, 1954, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

(U) On February 9, 1956, T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON completed arrangements for ROBERT KLONSKY of Philadelphia to meet GARCIA, who was travelling to Philadelphia February 10, 1956.

ROBERT KLONSKY was convicted in Philadelphia on August 13, 1954, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

It is to be noted that the "Pennsylvania Edition - The Worker" issue of February 5, 1956, advised that GARCIA was listed as the guest speaker at a coming meeting sponsored by that paper.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker."

C. Miscellaneous Current Activities

(U) On September 1, 1955, T-9, who has access to reliable information, made available the contents of a postal card addressed to Attorney General JACOB K. JAVITZ, Albany, New York. The post card is signed "Wm. Albertson" and is postmarked at New York on July 11, 1955.

(U) It protests the action of the State of New York, Department of Law, in filing a brief as amicus curiae before the Supreme Court of the United States in support of the State of Pennsylvania sedition law, under which STEVE NELSON was convicted in the lower courts of Pennsylvania.

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This conviction was reversed in the Pennsylvania Appellate Court and the State of Pennsylvania obtained a writ of certiorari from the Supreme Court in opposition to the reversal.

STEVE NELSON was also convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on August 20, 1953, and sentenced to five years. He is presently at liberty under $25,000 bond pending appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

On September 20, 1955, FRANK P. LAWLEY, JR., Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Pennsylvania State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, furnished SA [redacted] with a postcard addressed to JOHN S. FINE, Governor of Pennsylvania, requesting the governor to intercede on behalf of STEVE NELSON, who was tried under the Pennsylvania Anti-Sedition Law. This postcard was signed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON. b6 b7C

(U) On [November 3, 1955, T-10,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that NORMAN SCHRANK, while at CP Headquarters in New York City, had attempted to contact the subject.

(U) On [December 8, 1955, T-11,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, informed that NORMAN SCHRANK was Executive Secretary of the New York District CP.

(U) On [November 3 and 4, 1955, T-12,] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, [advised that the telephone number of the subject was in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART.]

(U) [On June 3, 1955, T-13,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated PHIL BART was then National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA.

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(U) On May 20, 1955, T-14, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised CONNIE BART had been a national figure in the CP Underground for over four years.

(U) On October 25, 1955, T-1 informed that CONNIE BART was then employed full time in connection with the activities of the CRC.

(U) On December 16, 1955, T-15, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was to have attended a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) held December 15, 1955, at the Capitol Hotel in New York City. The informant further advised that ALBERTSON was apparently seated with Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG at this affair.

The DW, October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, contained an article captioned "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Liberties Committee." This article reflected the formation of the ECLC on October 7, 1951. The purpose of the organization, according to the article, would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions. The founders included more than fifty members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

"Political Affairs" in its issue of August, 1954, reflected an article by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted CP functionary, in which FLYNN refers to the ECLC as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today."

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FLYNN, testifying in the case ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL, on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945. u

Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG was convicted on March 8, 1956, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. u

(U) On December 30, 1955, T-16, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that BILL ALBERTSON, Apartment 23, 430 West 119th Street, New York City, sent a holiday greeting card for 1955 to VICTOR JEREMY JEROME.

JEROME is incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, for three years for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. u

(U) On January 3, 1956, T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that BILL ALBERTSON had sent a Christmas greeting card for 1955 to CARL EDWIN RASI.

CARL EDWIN RASI, with aliases, commonly known as CARL ROSS, was arrested August 27, 1953, near Twain Harte, California, in the company of ROBERT THOMPSON and SIDNEY STEINBERG, for whom bench warrants were outstanding in United States District Court, Southern District of New York. ROSS was subsequently indicted, tried and convicted on April 26, 1954, for violation of the Accessory After the Fact Statute. ROSS was released on January 6, 1956, after completion of his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Mc Neil Island, Washington. u

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STEINBERG had previously been indicted and THOMPSON had previously been convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

(U) On January 3, 1956, T-3 advised that BILL ALBERTSON was at SI GERSON'S office and made arrangements to try to see EUGENE DENNIS at CP Headquarters later that day.

(U) On March 3, 1955, T-11 advised that GERSON was then acting chairman of the New York District of the CP.

EUGENE DENNIS, former National Secretary of the CP, was convicted on October 14, 1949, for conspiracy in violation of the Smith Act of 1940. He was released from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, George, on March 1. 1955. DENNIS is now out on $5,000 bond, returnable in the Southern District of New York, and is awaiting trial under the membership provisions of the Smith Act of 1940.

(U) On January 31, 1956, T-1 advised the subject sat on the speakers' platform at the 32nd Anniversary Meeting of the DW held on January 20, 1956, at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The informant stated "some 3,000 people, Communists and left-wingers" came to this meeting.

(U) On March 1, 1956, T-18 who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that ALBERTSON was in contact with FRED FINE and ABE MAGIL on that day.

FRED FINE was indicted by a federal grand jury in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on June 20, 1951,

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for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest the same day. FINE surrended on November 30, 1955, in the Southern District of New York.

The DW, October 1, 1952, page one, column one, reported that ABE MAGIL, while testifying on September 30, 1952, as a defense witness at the 1952 Smith Act trial of CP leaders in New York City, admitted being a member of the CP.

III. ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF THE CRC

(U) It is noted that [T-1] advised that the CRC was dissolved on January 6, 1956, at a national convention in New York City.

(U) On [November 30, 1955, T-1] reported that a (U) meeting [of the Committee to Defend Steve Nelson (CDSN)] was attended by the subject [on November 28, 1955.]

(U) [T-1] advised on [November 30, 1955] that the CDSN is made up of people who are participating in activities on behalf of STEVE NELSON and that this committee is an outgrowth of the efforts of the CRC in this behalf.

On November 30 and December 30, 1955, [T-19] (U) who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available information reflecting that twenty two checks, dated in November and December, 1955, had been paid from the CRC account at the Commercial State Bank and Trust Company, 116 Fifth Avenue, New York City, to the WILLIAM ALBERTSON special account totaling $599. The balance of the ALBERTSON account on November 30, 1955, was $19.70, and the balance on December 30, 1955, was $20.23.

(U) On February 8, 1956, [T-19] advised that [redacted] b7D

(U) Information furnished by [T-19] is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

(U) On [January 10, 1956, T-1] advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had continued to serve as National Executive Secretary of the CRC and participated in the national convention dissolving the CRC on January 6, 1956, at New York City.

IV. PREMATURE TRAVEL OF SUBJECT WITHOUT COURT PERMISSION INDICATING POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF BOND

United States Attorney D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Western District of Pennsylvania, advised SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE on January 10, 1956, that he had been telephonically advised by a defense attorney that the subject intended to travel to Pittsburgh and remain in Pittsburgh on January 12 and 13, 1956, and thereafter travel to West Virginia. ANDERSON advised that the location in West Virginia or duration of stay was not specified.

United States Attorney ANDERSON stated he informed the defense attorney that such travel by ALBERTSON without consent of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, would constitute a violation of the terms of his bond.

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On January 12, 1956, T-1 verified the presence of the subject in New York City on January 11, 1956, and could ascertain no immediate plans of ALBERTSON to leave New York City.

On January 12, 1956, United States Attorney ANDERSON advised SA GWYNNE that his office was in receipt of a copy of a petition filed with the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the subject, requesting permission for the subject to travel to Pittsburgh from January 17 through 18, 1956, and return to New York City on January 20, 1956.

The petition states the reason for the travel is to consult co-defendants (UNITED STATES VS. STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON); ET AL) and to seek additional counsel. It indicated the United States Attorney would be kept advised as to his address while in Pittsburgh and Charleston and prior to departing for New York City, written permission of surety would be obtained to such travel. The petition indicates a copy was furnished to the office of the United States Solicitor General, Washington, D.C.

United States Attorney ANDERSON advised SA GWYNNE on January 24, 1956, that he received a copy of an order issued by the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated January 23, 1956. This order granted the subject permission to travel from New York City to Pittsburgh from January 24 through January 25, 1956, and thereafter proceed to Charleston, West Virginia, for January 26, 1956, and return to New York City on the same date. The order instructed that the subject obtain consent of surety and furnish the United States Attorney with his address in both cities.

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United States Attorney ANDERSON was of the opinion that the court order contains revised dates of travel cited in the petition filed with the United States Supreme Court requesting permission to travel to the above-mentioned localities on January 17, 1956, and subsequently returning to New York City on January 20, 1956. u

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject in the company of STEVE NELSON on January 20, 1956, in Pittsburgh. u

The records of the Fort Pitt Hotel, in Pittsburgh, disclosed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON registered at this hotel at 7:59 a.m. on January 24, 1956, and listed his New York City residence address. The records of this hotel contain no other registration for ALBERTSON during January, 1956. u

See Pg letter 4/16/56 for documentation CBS

The above facts were furnished to United States Attorney ANDERSON who advised he believes ALBERTSON travelled prematurely and without consent of the court based on the terms of the original petition, United States Attorney ANDERSON advised he contemplates no action at this time. u

(U) On January 31, 1956, T-17 advised he had learned on the weekend of January 23, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON "will be away for a few days."

(U) On February 9, 1956, T-20, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised of learning that BILL ALBERTSON had been in Pittsburgh for a meeting
(U) concerning "the trial" during late January, 1956.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-1 NY 384-S* (U)	National Officer of CRC	11/29/55	(U)	
	CRC dissolved 1/6/56	1/10/56	(U)	
	ALBERTSON to work with CP national defense	1/10/56	(U)	
	National defense organization now forming	1/16/56	(U)	
	Documentation of CONNIE BART.			
	32nd DW anniversary meeting 1/20/56	1/31/56	(U)	
CDSN meeting 11/28/55 (U)		11/30/55	(U)	
	Documentation of CDSN			
	Documentation of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON			
(U) Verification of presence in NYC 1/11/56 (U)		1/12/56		

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
(U) T-1 (Cont'd)	To be away a few days (U)	1/31/56 (U)		
T-2 NY 1317-S* (U)	ALBERTSON on CP, USA payroll (U)	12/22/55	(U)	
T-3 NY 1475-S* (U)	Committee of three (U)	1/3/56	(U)	
	Arrangements to 1/3/56 see DENNIS		(U)	
T-4 [redacted] (U) (request) PG 100-588	Pennsylvania District No. 5 Organizational Secretary, 1947 u	8/31; 9/9/55 (U)	SAS [redacted] and [redacted]	65-5604-667 u
T-5 [redacted] (U)	Letter to FOSTER 9/2/55 (U)	11/17/55	SA [redacted] (U) [redacted]NE and SE [redacted]	65-5604-639 u

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T-6 CSLA 3859-S* (U)	Letter in possession of VIVIAN LEVIN u	1/18/56 (U)		
(U) T-7	Documentation of VIVIAN LEVIN u			
(U) T-8 PH 79-S*	Arrangement for GARCIA to meet KLONSKY, 2/10/56 (U)	2/9/56 (U)		
T-9 Solicitor General JAMES O. MOORE, State of NY, Capitol Albany, NY (CS) (U)	Postal card Attorney General JAVITZ, Albany, NY (U)	9/1/55 (U)	SA [redacted]	AL 100-16184 u
T-10 NY 693-S* (U)	Attempted contact by NORMAN SCHRANK	11/3/55 (U)		

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
(U) T-11 CG 5824-S	Documentation of NORMAN SCHRANK.			
	Documentation of SI GERSON.			
T-12 NY 1637-S*	Phone number in possession of PHIL and (U) NIE BART	11/3,4/55	(U)	
(U) T-13 NY 694-S*	Documentation of PHIL BART.			
T-14 NK 2010-S*	Documentation of CONNIE BART.			
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T-15 NY 1676-S*	Dinner of ECLC, 12/15/55	12/16/55	(U)	
T-16 EDWARD C. BAKER, Supervisor of Classification & Parole, US Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania (Request)	1955 holiday greeting to V.J. JEROME	12/30/55	SA [redacted] (U) (oral)	65-5604-664
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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-17 E.R. BAY, Classification Officer, US Penitentiary, Mc Neil Island, Washington (Request) (U)	1955 Christmas greeting to CARL ROSS	1/3/56 (U)	SA [redacted] (oral)	SE 100-22491-55
T-18 NY 1726-S* (U)	Contact with FINE and MAGIL	3/1/56 (U)	(U)	
T-19 [redacted] (U)	22 checks from CRC account (U)	11/30; 12/30/55 (U)	SA [redacted] (oral)	65-5604-655
	Closing balance of ALBERTSON account (U)	2/8/56 (U)	SA [redacted] (oral)	65-5604-
T-20 CSPG (U)	Meeting in Pittsburgh in late January, 1956	2/9/56 (U)	SA [redacted]	[redacted] (U)

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed. u

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This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and is found to still qualify for the Security Index. u

The identity of the surveilling agent(s) on January 20, 1956, disclosing the subject in the company of STEVE NELSON at Pittsburgh, and the identity of the agent checking the records of the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburg is unknown. u

ALBERTSON is on the Security Index of the New York Office. Information appearing on his Security Index card is current and accurate. u

LEADS

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1. Will furnish documentation of the fisur on the subject on January 20, 1956, and documentation of the record check at the Fort Pitt Hotel. u

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2. Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh and continue to follow the subject's status under the Smith Act conviction and furnish all other pertinent information concerning the subject's activity in the Pittsburgh area. u

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report the subject's activities.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted] 12/29/55, New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

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Recap, [redacted] NY, 3/28/56.

(U) NY 3[illegible] advised on 3/8/56, that subject is now employed by the New York State CP in a party defense assignment on a full time basis. The informant stated ALBERTSON has had this assignment since approximately February, 1956, and works out of 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

It is requested that ALBERTSON be removed from the Top Functionary list and added to the Key Figure list of the NYO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 4/16/56

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM O ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
SMITH ACT OF 1940
OO: (New York)

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Rerep SA [redacted] New York, dated 3/28/56, captioned as above.

Referenced report requested that documentation of the fisur of the subject on 1/20/56 and of the record check at the Fort Pitt Hotel be furnished.

In regard to the fisur of the subject on 1/20/56, the fisur of the subject was participated in by SAS RUSSELL M. GWYNNE and [redacted] This data is located in Pittsburgh file 65-749-1720.

In regard to the record check at the Fort Pitt Hotel, this information was orally obtained by SA [redacted] from Mr. HARVEY HOOVER, Assistant Manager of the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 1/24/56. Mr. HOOVER advised that ALBERTSON occupied room 874. Mr. HOOVER advised SA [redacted] on 4/5/56 that it was not necessary to conceal his identity. Location of this data Pittsburgh file 65-749-1719.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 4/10/56

FROM : SAC, New York (65-5604)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM O ALBERTSON
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23 West 26th Street, New York, New York

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
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TITLE OF CASE

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Report made by [redacted] Typed By: AMS b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Synopsis:

Subject was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI in Pittsburgh, Pa. on 1/24/56 in the company of STEVE NELSON and BENJAMIN CAREATHERS, co-defendants, who were convicted on 8/20/53 at Pittsburgh for violation of Smith Act of 1940. On 1/25/56 a Special Agent observed subject in company of STEVE NELSON. USA, Pittsburgh, advised on 10/19/55 that a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari was filed in behalf of subject and co-defendants with U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C. on or about 10/10/55. Travel Petition filed by subject's attorney with U. S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., in March 1956, reflects U. S. Supreme Court had entered an order granting subject's (and co-defendant's) Petition for Writ of Certiorari. Declassified by 4417 on 1-25-79 GS

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DETAILS:

I. ASSOCIATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

The Communist Party - USA, hereinafter referred to as the CP, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject in the company of BENJAMIN CAREATHERS and STEVE NELSON, co-defendants in the case of the United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON), et al, as they entered the Forbes Building, 3619 Forbes Street, Oakland Section, Pittsburgh, Pa., at approximately 1:30 p.m. on January 24, 1956.

It is noted that both BENJAMIN CAREATHERS and STEVE NELSON were convicted on August 20, 1953 at Pittsburgh, Pa. for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in connection with the case of the United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON), et al, and are presently at liberty under bond pending an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

It is also noted that the office of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress was located in Room 212, Forbes Building, 3619 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh.

The Civil Rights Congress (CRC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed the subject in the company of STEVE NELSON departing the Renshaw Building, 217-9th Street, Pittsburgh, at approximately 2:12 p.m. on January 25, 1956. The subject then proceeded alone to the Fort Pitt Hotel, 10th Street and Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh.

It is noted that the office of Pittsburgh attorney, HYMEN SCHLESINGER, is located in the Renshaw Building, 217-9th Street, Pittsburgh.

In regard to LYMAN SCHLESINGER, it is noted that on November 10, 1953 a Task Force of the United States Senate Committee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Laws (Committee on the Judiciary) held a public session in Pittsburgh. In testimony at this session, [redacted] former member of District 5, CP, who regularly furnished information to this Bureau from 1942 to January 1950, stated "LYMAN SCHLESINGER is a member of the Legal Commission of the Communist Party of the United States."

(Pamphlet: "Subversive influences in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Pittsburgh and Erie, Pa." Hearings before the Sub-Committee to Investigate the Administration of The Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate. Printed by the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1954, page 95.)

SCHLESINGER is a Pittsburgh attorney who has publicly represented District 5, CP members in legal proceedings. It is noted that the "Daily Worker," page 8, columns 1 through 3, of the March 21, 1955 issue, contained an article entitled "Ohio Smith Act Defense Wins Postponement to October." This article related that LYMAN SCHLESINGER would be one of the defense counsel at the trial of eleven persons in Cleveland, Ohio, who had been charged with violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist publication.

II. FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

U. S. Attorney D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Western District of Pennsylvania, New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised SA RUSSELL E. GAYNE on October 19, 1955 that his office was in receipt of a copy of a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, which was filed in behalf of the subject and his co-defendants in the case of the United States of America versus STEPHEN NELSON (STEVE NELSON), et al, with the United States Supreme Court at Washington, D. C. on/or about October 10, 1955. Mr. ANDERSON advised

that he had been informed that the Department of Justice was also in receipt of a copy of said Petition and that matters pertaining to this petition would be handled by the Department.

U. S. Attorney D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, advised the Pittsburgh Office via a copy of a letter dated March 8, 1956 from U. S. Attorney ANDERSON to the Clerk, U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa., that he (ANDERSON) was in receipt of a petition of subject requesting permission to travel to Philadelphia, Pa. on March 26, 1956 and to Washington, D. C. on March 27, 1956 and that in view of the purposes set forth in the petition, the U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania interposed no objection to granting the request of the subject.

Miss STELLA KOURAKOS, Stenographer and Receptionist, U. S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, furnished SA [redacted] on March 14, 1956, with a photostatic copy of said Petition and papers pertaining thereto, which reflected that said Petition of subject had been submitted by subject's attorney, Donner, Kinoy, and Perlin, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, to the U. S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Philadelphia. The petition set forth in substance that the Supreme Court (of the United States) had entered an order (in the case styled United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, et al) granting subject's (and co-defendant's) petition for writ of certiorari from the judgment of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, affirming the judgment of conviction entered by the U. S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, for violation of Section 3 of the Smith Act; that the subject desired permission to travel from New York City to Philadelphia on March 26, 1956 and then travel to Washington, D. C. on March 27, 1956; and thereafter return to New York City on March 27, 1956; and that the purpose of his travel was to consult with his co-defendant, JAMES DOLSEN, who was residing in Philadelphia and with members of the Bar in Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. concerning the retaining of additional counsel to represent him in the proceeding now pending before the U. S. Supreme Court. The petition set forth that his address, while in Philadelphia, would be 4510 Regent Street, care of Mr. DOLSEN, and while in Washington, D. C.,

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the Vivian Hotel, 1723 G Street, North West. The petition also set forth that he would, at all times, notify the U. S. Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania, of his address while remaining in the above cities, and prior to departing New York City, he would file with the Clerk, U. S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, the written permission of his surety to said travel.

Miss KOURAKOS also furnished SA [redacted], on March 14, 1956, a photostatic copy of a letter dated March 12, 1956 from subject's attorney, ARTHUR KINOY, to the Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, which set forth that in accordance with an order of the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals (Philadelphia) of March 9, 1956, granting subject permission to travel, he (attorney) was enclosing a copy of the "Consent to Travel by Surety," which was signed by SAUL GROSSMAN of Detroit, Michigan.

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It is noted that JAMES DOLSEN was convicted on August 20, 1953 at Pittsburgh, Pa. for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in connection with the case of the United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, et al, and is presently at liberty under bond pending an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

U. S. Attorney D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, advised SA RUSSELL M. GWINN, on March 22, 1956, that his office was in receipt of a letter from the subject indicating that pursuant to an order filed before the Honorable JOHN BIGGS, JR. of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Philadelphia, subject intended to travel to Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. on March 26, 1956 and March 27, 1956, respectively, and his address would be the same as that set forth in his travel petition mentioned above.

U. S. Attorney D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, advised SA JOHN H. ERCOLS on March 27, 1956 that his office was in receipt of a communication from the subject advising that he (ALBERTSON) did not intend to go to Washington, D. C. on March 27, 1956, but would remain in New York City.

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The FIBUR which was conducted on January 24 and 25, 1956 was participated in by SA [redacted] Location of information 65-749-1729 and 1730.

The following information is set forth for the information of the New York Office inasmuch as New York did not receive a copy of the hereinafter mentioned communication. By letter dated January 26, 1956 from the Director to Assistant Attorney General [redacted] captioned "CP, USA-Brief (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act-Los Angeles) Internal Security-C," information was set forth that on January 23, 1956 [illegible] SCOTT NEWMAN, Chairman, District 13, CP, USA, stated that the U. S. Supreme Court had set August 25, 1956 as the date for the filing of briefs in the Los Angeles Smith Act Appeal and that arguments would be heard during October, 1956. SCOTT NEWMAN indicated that the court apparently desired to simultaneously consider the Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, and Detroit Smith Act cases as well as the Clete Bates contempt matter. The latter continued that the above was furnished to our San Francisco Office by two sources who have furnished reliable information in the past; and if this information is accurate, a final decision by the Supreme Court in the above cases may not be handed down until the spring of 1957.

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At Pittsburgh, Pa. (Allegheny County)

Will maintain contact with the U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh in order to report the results of the court action against the subject in connection with his conviction for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and subsequent appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) Room 5266 DATE: 10/26/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re O-1 form dated 10/23/56, which is attached.

This is to advise that report will reach the Bureau by 11/15/56.

Referenced O-1 contained ink notation to "include supreme court action." This is to advise that the Pittsburgh Office in the past has periodically submitted reports on subject which report prosecutive action because of the fact that Pittsburgh office of prosecution in instant case.

Pittsburgh has submitted reports on other Compros - Pittsburgh subjects which reported recent action of the Supreme Court regarding the Pittsburgh Smith Act case and it is anticipated that a similar report will be prepared by Pittsburgh on captioned subject.

UACB, NY will not include recent discussion of Supreme Court in its next report.

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Name	Activity	Date Known
ALBERTSON, WILLIAM	Member Young Communist League (YCL), Pittsburgh, Pa., and N. Y. Also member N. Y. District CP. Active in Communist controlled union, possibly United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America. ALBERTSON's mother, name unknown, was active CP member.	1925 - 1926

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16847)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-1931)

STEVE NELSON, was.
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SMITH ACT OF 1940
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950 CINAL
OO: PG

Re WFO letter dated 6/21/56, advising that WFO would follow developments in case before U. S. Supreme Court entitled "STEPHEN MESAROSH, et al. vs. U.S.A." which was before the U. S. Supreme Court on Writ of Certiorari from judgment of 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Pa., affirming the judgment of conviction entered by USDC, Western District of Pa., for violation of Smith Act of 1940.

On 10/11/56, Mr. CARL ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Clerk, U. S. Supreme Court, advised that the Supreme Court on 10/10/56, by a 6 to 3 vote ordered a new trial for STEVE NELSON and four co-defendants, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, BENJAMIN L. CAREATHERS, JAMES H. DOLSEN, and IRVING WEISSMAN, and remanded the case

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back to the U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the grounds that one of the government witnesses may have lied in the 1953 Smith Act conviction of NELSON and the above mentioned co-defendants.

Mr. ZIMMERMAN advised that the Supreme Court's Order for a new trial was announced by Chief Justice EARL WARREN and that Justices FELIX FRANKFURTER, JOHN M. HARLAN and HAROLD H. BURTON dissented. -RUC-.

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To: Director, FBI (100-16847)(65-38100)

From: SAC, Pittsburgh (100-1763)(65-749)

STEVE NELSON, was.
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OO: Pittsburgh

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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OO: New York

USA D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, WDPA, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 9/26/56 telephonically advised SA [redacted] that STEVE NELSON on that date had presented petition to Federal Judge HARRY F. MARSH for authority to travel to Washington, D. C., for the week beginning 10/8/56 for himself and WILLIAM ALBERTSON. ANDERSON advised that NELSON requested said travel order so that he and ALBERTSON may be present at Washington, D. C., when the Pittsburgh Smith Act case is argued before U. S. Supreme Court. ANDERSON further advised that prior to their departures from Pittsburgh and New York, NELSON and ALBERTSON will respectively advise him, furnishing their temporary addresses while in Washington, D. C.

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Bureau, New York and WFO will be advised of further developments.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372598) Date: 8/31/56

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102320)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.,
(Prosecution of Individuals
under the Internal
Security Act of 1950)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C,
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950.

ReBulets June 21, 1956, and August 28, 1956.

ReBulet June 21, 1956, requested the submission of names of individuals against whom it is believed successful prosecution could be initiated, if necessary. The following individuals in the New York Office are being submitted for the Bureau's consideration in compliance with relet.

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Letter to Director
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Re: CPUSA, ISC, ISA, 1950

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
ROBERT ALFRED CAMPBELL
HENRY FARASH
JAMES WILLIAM FORD
JAMES JACK GREEN
ROBERT HANDMAN
HOWARD EUGENE JOHNSON, JR.
HERBERT NALIBOW
ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA
THERESA ONDA
ANDREW REMES
DAVID ROSENBERG
SIDNEY STEINBERG
ALEXANDER LEO TRACHTENBERG
CARL VEDRO
FAY VEDRO
IRVING WEISSMAN
HERBERT LAWRENCE WHEELDIN

ReBulet August 28, 1956, instructs this office to submit the name of a currently active Communist Party member to replace the name of EDWARD EUGENE STRONG, whose name was previously submitted in connection with this matter. It is suggested that GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, recently convicted Smith Act subject of the New York Office and currently New York State Chairman of the Communist Party, replace EDWARD EUGENE STRONG. Intensive investigation will be initiated in compliance with previous Bureau instructions in this matter and reports will henceforth be submitted each 45 days concerning Communist activity. These reports will contain a special section setting forth admissible evidence which may be utilized in any contemplated prosecution under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

With respect to Bureau instructions to delete EDWARD EUGENE STRONG from this program in view of his pending prosecution under the Smith Act of 1940, I would like to point out that among those individuals recommended above for inclusion under this act the following have been prosecuted under the Smith Act of 1940.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
ROBERT CAMPBELL
GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY
SIDNEY STEINBERG
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
IRVING WEISSMAN

Of these all were convicted except ROBERT CAMPBELL.

Further, the following individuals are currently considered potential Smith Act defendants in this or other field divisions:

HENRY FARASH
JAMES WILLIAM FORD
JAMES JACK GREEN
ROBERT HANDMAN
ANDREW ONDA
ANDREW REMES
DAVID ROSENBERG
CARL VEDRO

I would further like to point out that among the individuals currently being considered for prosecution under the Internal Security Act of 1950 and upon whom intensive investigation is currently being conducted, the following individuals are either convicted Smith Act subjects or awaiting trial under the Smith Act.

Re: CPUSA, ISC, ISA, 1950

EUGENE DENNIS
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
JACOB STACHEL
JOHN GATES
FRED FINE
JAMES E. JACKSON
ALBERT BLUMBERG
GEORGE WATT
MAX WEISS
WILLIAM NORMAN MARRON
SIMON W. GERSON

It is to be noted here that SIMON W. GERSON has previously been acquitted of the charge of violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

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PITTSBURGH	NEW YORK	10/29/56	10/17/56

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Report made by [redacted] Typed By: lab

CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SMITH ACT OF 1940 b6 b7C

Synopsis:

On 10/10/56 U. S. Supreme Court ordered new trial for subject and his co-defendants and remanded case back to U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa., on grounds that one of government witnesses may have lied in 1953 Smith Act conviction of subject and co-defendants. Newspaper accounts of Supreme Court decision noted.

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DETAILS:

I. FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

On October 11, 1956, CARL ZIMMERMAN, Deputy Clerk, U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., advised that the United States Supreme Court on October 10, 1956, by a six to three vote ordered a new

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trial for STEVE NELSON and his co-defendants, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, BENJAMIN L. CAREATHERS, JAMES H. DOLSEN and IRVING WEISSMAN and remanded the case, which is styled "United States of America versus STEPHEN MESAROSH (STEVE NELSON), et.al," back to the United States District Court at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the grounds that one of the government witnesses may have lied in the 1953 Smith Act conviction of STEVE NELSON and the above-mentioned co-defendants. ZIMMERMAN advised that the United States Supreme Court's order for a new trial was announced by Chief Justice EARL WARREN, and that Justices FELIX FRANKFURTER, JOHN M. HARLAN and HAROLD H. BURTON dissented.

II. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

The October 10, 1956, edition of the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph", a Pittsburgh daily newspaper, page 42, column 1, carried an article captioned, "Supreme Court Hears Nelson" by FRANK B. ALLEN. This article stated in substance that on October 10, 1956, the U. S. Supreme Court heard arguments on the appeal of STEVE NELSON, Pittsburgh Communist leader, and four others who had been convicted of seeking to overthrow the government by force. According to this article, in addition to the usual two hour pleas, the Supreme Court granted an extra half hour for arguments on a government motion to send the case back to the United States District Court in Pittsburgh for re-hearing. The Justice Department asked for a recheck on grounds that the testimony of a key government witness, [redacted], was found to be "untruthful" in instances following his court testimony; however, Solicitor General J. LEE RANKIN said, in filing the motion, that the government believes [redacted] was truthful during his appearance in Pittsburgh in March, 1953. Attorneys for the defendants opposed the Department's move and demanded a reversal of the conviction. This article also mentioned that all of the defendants in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial received five year prison terms, and that [redacted] testimony directly affected two defendants, BENJAMIN L. CAREATHERS and JAMES H. DOLSEN. b7D

The October 10, 1956, edition of the "Pittsburgh Press", a Pittsburgh daily newspaper, page 1, column 5, carried an article captioned "New Trial Ordered For Steve Nelson." This article stated in substance that on October 10, 1956, a new trial was ordered by the United States Supreme Court for STEVE NELSON and four other Communists accused of conspiring to overthrow the government. This article stated that the vote among the Justices was six to three for a new trial; that the order for a new trial was based

on the admission of the Justice Department that one of its witnesses, [redacted] of Pittsburgh, may not have testified truthfully; that the Justice Department earlier had asked that the case be returned to Federal Court in Pittsburgh to decide whether [redacted] was telling the truth when he took the stand against NELSON and his co-defendants; that the Department said it believed he was telling the truth at the time, but explained that later statements by [redacted] before Congressional probers left his word open to doubt; that the Supreme Court hearing on October 10, 1956, was originally called only to consider the merits of sending the case back to Pittsburgh on the truth issue; that the new trial ruling came after a surprise recess was called during arguments in the case and was announced by Chief Justice EARL WARREN; and that Justices FELIX FRANKFURTER, JOHN M. HARLAN and HAROLD H. BURTON dissented from the action and sided with the government on deciding the truth issue. This article identified NELSON's co-defendants as WILLIAM ALBERTSON, BENJAMIN L. CAREATHERS, JAMES H. DOLSEN and IRVING WEISSMAN.

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At Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Will maintain contact with the USA at Pittsburgh in order to report the results of court action in instant case.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted], Pittsburgh, 4/18/56. b6 b7C

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TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Report made by [redacted] R 4

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 430 West 119th Street, NYC, Apartment #23. Informant reports ALBERTSON placed on CP National Payroll on 2/13/56, also that he was no longer on payroll as of week ending 7/20/56. (U) Son, [redacted] Informant reports ALBERTSON attended National Conference of CP - USA held NYC 12/3 through 5/55. Informant advised ALBERTSON involved in CP investigation regarding ARTHUR BARY, CP leader. ALBERTSON allegedly had knowledge of BARY's promiscuity with women or his misuse of Party funds. ALBERTSON reportedly attended meeting of National Civil Liberties Commission of CP latter part of week of 5/13/56. (U) Article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON in 8/12/56 edition of "The Worker" entitled, "Criticism, Self Criticism and Hypocrisy"

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set forth. ALBERTSON's activity in connection with Pittsburgh Smith Act Self Defense Committee and other pertinent activities set forth.

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DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND

On August 20, 1953, STEVE NELSON (MESAROSH), WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IRVING WEISSMAN, JAMES H. DOLSEN, and BENJAMIN CAREATHERS were convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. u

On October 10, 1956, the United States Supreme Court ordered a new trial for all defendants in the United States vs. MESAROSH case and remanded the case to the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on grounds that one of the government witnesses may have lied in the 1953 Smith Act trial. u

A. Residence

Mr. FRANK FULLER, Superintendent, 424-430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] on October 2, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON continues to reside in Apartment 23 at 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York. u

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B. Employment

(U) [T-1,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [March 8, 1956,] that WILLIAM ALBERTSON is employed by the New York State Communist Party in a "party defense assignment" on a full time basis and has been so employed since approximately February, 1956, and works out of 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

(U) [T-2,] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available information on [April 27, 1956,] which disclosed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON [received $360 in]

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[gross wages from the Communist Party National Office during the first three months of 1956. This information also disclosed that ALBERTSON was placed on the Communist Party payroll on February 13, 1956, and was paid a
(U) weekly gross wage of $60.]

[T-2 made available information on July 25, 1956, concerning payroll data of the Communist Party - USA. The information which was furnished by the informant reflects WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Social Security Number 113-12-4679, earned gross wages of $60 during the second quarter of 1956 but that ALBERTSON was no longer
(U) on the Communist Party National Payroll the week ending
(U) July 20, 1956.]

(U) [T-3, who has furnished reliable information
(U) in the past, advised on July 26, 1956, that on that date, LIL ALBERTSON, wife of BILL ALBERTSON, had stated that her husband was out looking for a job and that things
(U) were "pretty desperate" as they have $90 rent due the first of the month, along with their medical bills.]

(U) [T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on October 11, 1956,
(U) which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was employed as a clerk at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York. This information furnished reflected that ALBERTSON was formerly a salesman for the Bruce McLynn Bedding Company, 3607 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York.

A pretext telephone call was made to the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York, on October 18, 1956. This telephone call disclosed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON terminated his employment at above establishment on approximately September 27, 1956.

The present employment of WILLIAM ALBERTSON in not known.

C. Relatives

Records of the Manhattan Bureau of Vital Statistics as checked by Investigative Clerk JOHN V.

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MACALUSO on October 24, 1956, reflect the following information under Birth Certificate Number [redacted]

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Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City

Father - WILLIAM ALBERTSON
white, age 46,
born in Russia,
occupation-counterman at
delicatessen
Mother - LILLIE BELLE LEWIS
Negro, age 30,
born Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
First child

II. HISTORY OF ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) [T-5], who has furnished reliable information
(U) in the past, advised on [December 3, 1955], that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the National Conference of the CP - USA held December 3 through December 5, 1955, at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York, New York. According to the informant, the agenda at this conference consisted of : significance of Geneva, reported on by MAX WEISS, member, National Administrative Committee, CP - USA; electoral policy and tasks for '56 reported on by ALBERT E. BLUMBERG, National Legislative Director, CP - USA, and Youth work reported on by MARTHA STONE, Organizational Secretary of the National Administrative Committee, CP - USA. (U)

[T-5 advised on March 27, 1956, that he recently learned from PHIL BART, member of the National Organizational Commission of the CP - USA, that ARTHUR BARY, CP leader from the Rocky Mountain area, had been expelled from the
(U) CP because of the latter's misuse of CP funds and his

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(U) promiscuity with women. (X)

BART further stated that the CP will conduct an extensive investigation regarding BARY and will talk to people in other CP districts concerning their knowledge of BARY's activities. BART commented that the investigation will involve other persons, such as BILL ALBERTSON, who is alleged to have known of some of BARY's activities either with regard to his promiscuity with women or his misuse of Party funds, and yet failed to report this to the CP. BART stated these investigations may lead to the censure of some other Party people. (X) (U)

(U) (U) T-5 advised on May 22, 1956, that he recently was told by LEON KATZEN, who is in charge of defense activities in the Illinois - Indiana CP District, that he, KATZEN, participated in a meeting of the "National Civil Liberties Commission" of the CP. According to KATZEN, this meeting was held in New York City the latter part of the week of May 13, 1956, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended this meeting. (C) (U) ~~Declassified by 8160 on 1-31-80 by A11B~~

(U) (U) T-1 advised on July 6, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a CP mass meeting "on the problems facing the Communist movement in the United States" which was held on June 28, 1956, at the Chateau Gardens in New York City.

The informant reported that MAX WEISS, National Educational Director of the CP - USA, gave the main speech at this meeting which dealt with the contributions of the 20th Congress of the CP of the Soviet Union. MAX WEISS stated that "STALIN's crimes are alien to socialism" and that KHRUSHCHEV's report shows that the campaign which was waged by the Central Committee of the CP of the Soviet Union for the last three years against the cult of the individual was aimed at the removing of this road block of socialism. u

According to the informant, WEISS mentioned the fact that "Pravda" reprinted EUGENE DENNIS' article which, u

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according to WEISS, shows that the CPSU "feels its responsibility to the international Communist movement and might shortly answer the many disturbing questions." Talking on the above mentioned DENNIS article which was reprinted in "Pravda," MAX WEISS criticized EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the CP - USA, for not submitting this article to the Party's "collective leadership for approval."

WEISS asked, "Why wasn't STALIN stopped? Our Party and the other Communist Parties of the world are still waiting for the real answer to this question. The answer that a struggle against STALIN would have undermined confidence in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is nonsense. It is not true. The hero worship of STALIN was accepted by the Central Committee of the CPSU. The silence of KHRUSHCHEV on this point requires an explanation."

(U) (U) T-1 advised on July 2, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON told him on June 29, 1956, that there is a group of CP leaders on the National Committee of the CP - USA who are for "renaming the CP." According to ALBERTSON, (U) the claim seems to be that by renaming the CP it will make it easier to attract to the movement a wide circle of people and organizations who are not opposed to socialism but who will not work for socialism with the CP.

"The Worker," August 12, 1956, edition, page six, column two, carried an article which was captioned "The American Road to Socialism."

> "A Special Section Devoted to Discussion of the Past and Perspectives of the Communist Party and the American Left. Edited by Discussion Committee, Communist Party."
>
> "Criticism, Self-Criticism, and Hypocrisy by William Albertson."
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> This article reads as follows:

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"Congratulations to Joseph Lash, newspaper writer, for informing the members of the Communist Party through the pages of the New York Post of Sunday, July 22, that there are basic political differences within its National Committee, what these differences are, and who represents what point of view. I am glad that it was Lash and not Winchell or Woltman. At least Lash is no reactionary. But it should have been Dennis and Foster; it should have been Gates and Max of the Daily Worker. Not Lash.

"I am certain that Joe Lash, as clever a reporter as he might be, could not have sucked his article out of his thumb. No being a Communist leader, however, he could not have obtained his information first hand from participation in the debates. He no doubt obtained it from someone who did participate. But Gates and Max, editor-in-chief and managing editor, respectively, of the Daily Worker, and Foster and Dennis--all participants in the debate, have this information first hand.

"But the fact of the matter is that the membership must find out from non-Communist sources that a policy struggle is going on.

"In the statement of the Discussion Committee of the Communist Party, printed every Sunday in The Worker at the top of the discussion page, it says, 'For only an open, frank and vigorous discussion in which every member honestly and frankly states his or her position, can guarantee that we will emerge with a stronger party and one more capable of truly serving and advancing the welfare of the American people and the cause of socialism.'

"The other evening I attended a meeting of a New York State C.P. Draft Resolution Committee. Part of the discussion there was on 'how to stimulate the discussion.'

"The discussion will be stimulated only if the leadership is also part of the 'open, frank and vigorous discussion' which it itself calls for. 'Open' means open, not behind closed doors, only for selected ears.

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"The leadership has not kept the membership informed of its discussions, of the theory and policy struggles, of who takes what position and why, etc. The membership still does not know what has happened at the last three National Committee meetings. All it knows is composed of the final printed reports, the resolution on the Khruschev report, and a few articles which may or may not be edited or non-edited speeches. Why is the membership not informed of who said what at these meetings? This does not make for 'open and frank' discussion. The leadership is acting as if the party is theirs exclusively, that the membership exists for the purpose of being 'mobilized' for the 'line' once the leaders establish it.

"We have forgotten all the editorials and articles in the Daily Worker only a few short weeks ago which with the greatest indignation criticized the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party for not themselves releasing the Khruschev report on Stalin and for permitting Dulles to steal a march on them, so to say? How hollow that criticism now sounds in the face of the Lash article.

"Comrades of the National Committee: Why do you not inform the membership of what is going on and what is being said in your debates, and by whom? Why did you let it leak through the New York Post? How about turning some of that same indignation against ourselves, in real self-criticism? Is it a fact that we have no confidence in the ability of our membership to participate in this great debate on an equal footing, to help formulate correct theory and policy?

"The membership will soon be called upon to elect delegates to state and national conventions where these delegates, amongst other things, will elect a new leadership. How can they act with full knowledge and intelligence THEN if they are not informed NOW of the inner National Committee debates, the opinions being

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taken by every comrade on the National Committee, as well as the final resolutions adopted. The membership participation in this way now, with full knowledge, could conceivably help the present leadership come to more correct conclusions sooner.

"The Soviet Party leadership, by circulating widely and discussing the Krushchev report on Stalin amongst the party and non-party rank and file, is helping thereby to guarantee that the Soviet masses will never again permit another one-man leadership situation to develop with its attendant dictatorship and brutalities. At least, since Stalin's death, they are learning to have confidence in their membership and in the masses of Soviet people. The process of the 'downgrading' of Stalin is also a process of mass education against one-man rule and dictatorship, and for the involvement of millions in the future development of socialist democracy.

"Perhaps less arrogance, more humility and modesty, and some confidence in our membership rather than contempt for them (for objectively, that is what it is--contempt), may help us overcome the present party crisis. After all, as isolated as our party is, it is still the membership which is at the point of political and organizational production, in daily touch with non-party people to some extent. That deserves respect and confidence."

The "Daily Worker," September 26, 1956, issue, page four, column three, carried a letter to the editor of the "Daily Worker" which was signed WILLIAM ALBERTSON. This letter, which bore the caption "Lenin Wrote About Capitalist World," reads as follows:

"Editor, Daily Worker:

"Bernard writes in the Daily Worker 9-19-56, 'I believe that our general theory is Marxism, the application of it to Russia is Marxism-Leninism, and the application of it to China is Marxism-Maoism.' He continues, '...the

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(continued) use of the term Marxism-Leninism becomes a symbol that we have not yet liberated ourselves from our previous uncritical acceptance, for use here, of Lenin's tactics for Russia. Therefore, I think, the tendency to drop the word (Leninism) shows progress.'

"I am one of those who does not believe that 'Leninism' is a dirty word to be dropped from our vocabulary. But if I did I would not want to find 'theoretical' justification for doing so by distorting theory. Let me pose a few questions to Bernard.

"What is so 'Russian' in Lenin's imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism? Was monopoly capitalism a feature of Russian capitalism only? Did industrial and banking capital merge into finance capital only in Russia and not in the U.S., and in every other advanced capitalist country in the world also? Were the Russian monopolists the only ones in the world who exported capital? The American capitalists do not export capital? Did the Russian capitalists create international cartels with themselves and participate in them all alone? Did Russia divide the world 'among itself' all alone?

"Is not Lenin's 'Imperialism,' universal?

"Or what is so 'Russian' and 'non-American' about Lenin's 'Materialism and Empiro-Criticism?' Or his 'Three Sources and Three Component Parts of Marxism?' Or his 'The Historical Destiny of the Doctrine of Karl Marx?' Oh his 'Marxism and Revisionism?'

"Or take his 'State and Revolution.' What is so peculiarly 'Russian and 'non-American'about his theories of the state? Will the state 'whither away' only in Russia and not in the United States? When he speaks of democracy does he refer to Russia? Is the state a class instrument for exploitation only in Russia and not in the United States? And is the state the product of the irreconcilability of class antagonism only in Russia and not in every country in the world?

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"When Lenin wrote on 'The Right of Nations to Self-determination' he was not writing something peculiarly 'Russian.' The fact of the matter is that in this work Lenin was quite specific about Russia. He entitled Chapter 3 therein 'The Concrete Specific Features of the National Question in Russia and the Russian Bourgeois-Democratic Reformation'

"True, Lenin was a genius in his application of Marxism to the Russian scene and especially as the leader of the Russian Revolution. His greatness, however, is not only because of his ability to apply and to lead, but also because he added to and extended the theories, the science of Marxism. Therefore, the term Marxism-Leninism.

"WILLIAM ALBERTSON"

III. GREETINGS TO CONVICTED CP LEADERS

LOUIS WEINSTOCK, ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON and ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON were convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in United States District Court, Southern District of New York on January 21, 1953.

(U) [T-6] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on [December 30, 1955,] made available a list (U) of names of individuals who sent greetings to LOUIS WEINSTOCK, who was at that time incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. The name BILL ALBERTSON 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, was included on this list.

(U) [T-7,] who has furnished reliable information in (U) the past, advised on [February 14, 1956,] that BILL ALBERTSON, Apartment 23, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, was one of the individuals who sent greeting cards to ALEXANDER BITTELMAN at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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(U) [T-8,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [May 1, 1956,] that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, was one of the individuals who sent 1955 Christmas greeting cards to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

(U) [T-9,] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on [May 21, 1956] which disclosed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Apartment 23, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, sent holiday greetings to ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON at the Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Virginia.

(U) [T-9] furnished information on [May 21, 1956,] which disclosed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON sent holiday greetings to ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON at the Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Virginia.

(U) (U) [T-7] advised on [February 14, 1956,] that BILL ALBERTSON had recently sent holiday greetings to ROBERT THOMPSON at the Federal Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

ROBERT THOMPSON was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on October 14, 1949, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

(U) (U) [T-7] advised on [February 14, 1956,] that BILL ALBERTSON, Apartment 23, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, was one of the individuals who sent greetings to PHILIP FRANKFELD at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

PHILIP FRANKFELD was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on April 1, 1952, in United States District Court, Baltimore, Maryland.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
75th Birthday Celebration

(U) (U) [T-1] advised on [March 27, 1956,] that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the 75th birthday celebration

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honoring WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman, CP - USA, held on March 9, 1956, at the Chateau Gardens, New York City. According to the informant, EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary, CP - USA, spoke of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER as a Marxist scientist exploring the American road to socialism. He stated that the Communists are helping to add new traditions to the democratic and revolutionary heritage of the American people.

Pittsburgh Smith Act
Self-Defense Committee

(U) On July 31, 1956, T-1 advised that the Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee is now, since the dissolution of the Civil Rights Congress, one of a net of the party's defense organizations and in New York is under the direction of the New York State Committee of the CP.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) (U) T-1 advised on April 10, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the Chairman of a meeting of the Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee held on April 3, 1956, at 132 West 97th Street, New York, New York. Informant reports that ALBERTSON made a report on the STEVE NELSON State Sedition Law case at this meeting.

According to the informant, ALBERTSON told those present that in the United States Supreme Court's decision on the STEVE NELSON case "we won a great victory." He stated that everyone agrees that the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Sedition Law case was a great victory.

Subscribes to "The Worker"
and the "Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper. "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker."

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[T-10] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information on [April 22, 1956,] which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, Apartment 23, New York, New York, had a one year renewal subscription to "The Worker" and the "Daily Worker" which was to expire on September 18, 1956.

San Juan Smith Act Case

T-11, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available on April 5, 1956, a letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to ANDY [illegible] in San Francisco, California. This letter reads as follows:

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"Dear Andy:

"Pablo Garcia, before returning to Puerto Rico, informed me of his general satisfaction with his stay in your area.

"Could I get from you during the next few days:

"1. A brief evaluation of the results of Garcia's activities in your area, including shortcomings, etc., etc.

"2. Would you be possibly inclined to being included in a tour in May of Saez Corales, Puerto Rican Smith Act defendant and trade union leader.

"3. All comments would be deeply appreciated.

"Regards

"/s/Wm. Albertson"

JUAN SAEZ CORALES and PABLO MANUEL GARCIA RODRIQUEZ were indicted on October 27, 1954, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in United States District Court, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

(U) In April, 1956, T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ANDY HARRIS is Organizational Secretary of the Warehouse Section of the CP of San Francisco County.

May Day Rally, 1956

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was identified by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as having been in attendance at the 1956 May Day Rally held on April 30, 1956, at Union Square, New York City.

(U) T-1 advised on June 5, 1956 that the Provisional United Citizens Committee for May Day 1956 was formed at the direction of the CP for the purpose of sponsoring and organizing the May Day Rally held at Union Square, New York City, on April 30, 1956.

(U) According to T-1, the May Day Rally is a CP function held each year about May 1 and is sponsored by a CP directed committee.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
(U) T-1 NY 384-S*	Employed by NY State CP			65-5604-704
(U)	6/28/56		(U)	
(U)	6/29/56		(U)	
(U)	3/9/56		b7D (U)	
	Documentation of Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee			
(U)	4/3/56		(U)	
	Documentation of May Day Rally			
T-2 NY 1743-S*	Placed on CP payroll 2/13/56 (U)			65-5604-747
(U)	No longer on CP payroll week ending 7/20/56 (U)			65-5604-763
T-3 NY 1726-S* (U)	looking for a job (U)			100-129629-3
T-4 (U)	Employed at delicatessen		SA	Instant report b6 b7C b7D

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T-5 CG 5824-S* (U)	12/3-5/55 (U)			100-4931-10403
(U)	Expulsion of BARY			65-5604-707
(U)	Information from LEON KATZEN			b7D
T-6 ALEX KRIMSKI Parole Officer FCI, Danbury, Conn. (U) (Requested)	Greetings to WEINSTOCK			65-5604-728
T-7 EUGENE GOODWYN, Associate Warden, US Penitentiary Atlanta, Ga. (U) (Requested)	Greetings to BITTELMAN			100-20128-1308
	Greetings to THOMPSON			100-27452-4473 p. 16
	Greetings to FRANKFELD			65-5604-761
T-8 Miss MARY L. COTTRILL Supervisor, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia (U) (Requested)	Greetings to FLYNN			65-5604-755

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T-9 A. C. HUNTINGTON Associate Warden, Federal Reformatory, Petersburg, Va. (Requested) (U)	Greetings to LANNON			100-8879-1A72
	Greetings to A. S. JOHNSON			100-8879-1A172
T-10 NY 1766-S* (U)	Subscribes to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker"			100-26603-1A 6544 photo 117
T-11 CSSF 2151-S* (U)	Letter to ANDY HARRIS (U)			[redacted] b7D
T-12 [redacted] (U)	Documentation of ANDY HARRIS.			

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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(U) On 6/28/56, NY 1743-S* made available documents located at the National Headquarters of the CP, 101 West 16th Street, NYC. Among the items made

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available by the source, was a three page handwritten document directed to PABLO GARCIA (PABLO MANUEL GARCIA RODRIGUEZ, San Juan Smith Act subject) and unsigned. In this document the writer (who is unknown) states that BILL (believed to be WILLIAM ALBERTSON) is no longer in charge of defense activities and that the writer had taken over BILL's former activities. (U)

Above not reported in details because positive identification with subject could not be established. u

The pretext telephone call made on 10/18/56 was made by SA [redacted] and the pretext used was that of a routine credit inquiry. u

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SA [redacted] was the agent who identified WILLIAM ALBERTSON as being at the May Day Rally, 4/30/56. u

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and subject is found to still qualify for the Security Index. u

The SI card, pertaining totthe subject has been reviewed and all information appearing thereon is current and correct. u

LEADS

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will maintain contact with USA at Pittsburgh to determine subject's status under the Smith Act and will report on recent Supreme Court decision regarding subject. u

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will conduct investigation to determine subject's present employment.

REFERENCE New York letter to Director, 8/31/56, entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (PROSECUTION OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950); INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950."
Report of SA [redacted], 3/28/56, New York.
Report of SA [redacted] 4/18/56, Pittsburgh.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 10/30/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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SMITH ACT OF 1940

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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS ✓ Apt. 23, 430 West 119th Street, New York, NY

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re PG letter 12-5-56.

Authority granted Albany to contact Jack Davis and Nicholas Campas concerning their knowledge of CP activities of Albertson and relative to their availability and willingness to testify at forthcoming retrial of Albertson. Submit results Bureau and PG.

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cc Pittsburgh 65-749

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cc 100-306715 [redacted]

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YELLOW: Albertson one of 5 PG Smith Act defendants whose retrial tentatively set for 1-7-57. Jack Davis and Nicholas Campas are both former CP members in Upstate New York. Both testified as friendly witnesses before HCUA at Albany in 7-53 and both have since been cooperative with Albany office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: 12/5/56

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; SMITH ACT, 1940
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Re Albany letter to Bureau, 11/10/53, captioned, "WILLIAM ALBERTSON, SECURITY MATTER - C."

The above-captioned individual is the subject of a Smith Act case in the Pittsburgh Office. Subject was convicted in August, 1953, but the United States Supreme Court remanded the case back to the U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa., for a retrial on the grounds that one of the witnesses may have lied. According to the USA, Pittsburgh, Pa., the second Smith Act trial is scheduled to begin on 1/7/57.

A review of the Pittsburgh files has been made for additional witnesses who knew the subject to be a CP member prior to the date of the original indictment (1/18/52) and were not known to the Pittsburgh Office at the time the prosecutive summaries were prepared for the first Smith Act trial. A supplementary prosecutive summary report is being prepared to include any additional evidence located reflecting CP membership or activities on the part of the subject during the statutory period preceding the date of the original indictment. (Include any CP membership or activities anytime prior to 1/18/52.)

Relet contains information that JACK DAVIS and NICHOLAS CAMPAS testified at Albany, New York, on 7/14/53 before the HCUA and indicated that they were acquainted with the subject. In view of the above, it is requested that DAVIS and CAMPAS

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be interviewed immediately to obtain from them all information in their possession to which they would be able to testify in the forth-coming Smith Act trial regarding the CP membership or activities of the subject. If these individuals are not in the Albany Division, ascertain location and set out appropriate leads with information copy for Pittsburgh.

It is also requested that Albany also furnish complete background information concerning DAVIS and CAMPAS for utilization in the Appendix-Witness section of the report. This background information should include such items as present availability and willingness to testify, reliability, education, length of time in the Party and positions held in the Party, whether any criminal record, if identity is to be protected and any other information of interest to the USA at Pittsburgh to aid in evaluating the credibility and usefulness of DAVIS and CAMPAS as potential witnesses.

It is noted that the Bureau set forth in a letter to Pittsburgh dated October 23, 1956 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY-USA-BRIEF (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act - Pittsburgh); IS-C" that "with the exception of current and discontinued informants and sources, the Bureau desires to pass upon all contemplated interviews and sufficient background data and justification for such interviews should accompany each request." Pittsburgh does not have background information on DAVIS or CAMPAS.

Inasmuch as this case is scheduled for trial on 1/7/57, it is requested that this matter be given immediate and expeditious attention and that the results be furnished the Pittsburgh Office by 12/15/56.

Enclosed for the Albany Office is an autostat copy of Bulet to New York, 10/19/51 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF (prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries Under the Smith Act) INTERNAL SECURITY - C," which encloses an "Outline for Interview of Witnesses" and may be of assistance in conducting your interviews with JACK DAVIS and NICHOLAS CAMPAS.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Re PG letter 12-4-56 requesting BT to interview [redacted] concerning his knowledge of the PG Smith Act defendants and to ascertain his availability and willingness to testify at the forthcoming retrial of the PG Smith Act defendants.

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For information PG, Bureau has authorized BT to utilize [redacted] as a confidential source and he is under consideration as possible witness at John Cyril Hellman Smith Act trial and at IUMMSW hearing before the SACB. BT has recommended that [redacted] not be contacted relative to testifying in any other matter until the Hellman Smith Act case has been disposed of.

Since the decision as to use of witnesses at Smith Act and other security trials and hearings is up to Department, BT should comply with request set out in relet. Department attorneys will be fully advised of facts before a decision is reached relative to the use of Gardner as a witness at PG retrial.

BT suairtel Bureau and PG results of contact with Gardner.

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cc Pittsburgh (65-749)

cc Pittsburgh (100-8527 Sub C)

cc Bufile 100-12708 [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 12/4/56

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; SMITH ACT OF 1940

The above-captioned individual is the subject of a Smith Act case in the Pittsburgh Office. Subject was convicted in August, 1953 but the U. S. Supreme Court remanded the case back to the U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh, Pa. for a retrial on the grounds that one witness may have lied.

According to the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh, the second Smith Act trial is scheduled to begin on 1/7/57.

A review of Pittsburgh files has been made for additional witnesses who knew the subject to be a Communist Party member prior to the date of the original indictment (1/18/52) and were not known to the Pittsburgh Office at the time the prosecutive summaries were prepared for the first Smith Act trial. A supplemental prosecutive summary report is being prepared to include any additional evidence located reflecting CP membership or activities on the part of the subject during period preceding the date of the original indictment.

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The files of the Pittsburgh Office contain information that [redacted] when interviewed on 8/31 and 9/9/55, stated that in 1947 he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Pennsylvania District 5, CP Organizational Secretary and was certain he attended many CP meetings with ALBERTSON during the 1946 - 1949 period, although he could not recall specific meetings or dates.

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[redacted] also stated that he knew STEVE NELSON (also a Pittsburgh Smith Act defendant) as Pennsylvania State Organizer of the CP and had been to numerous CP meetings

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where NELSON was the spokesman. [redacted] made the observation that if NELSON was at any CP meeting, he was the spokesman. NELSON and his wife and family visited [redacted] home in Erie, Pa. and [redacted] pointed out that NELSON was one of the few CP leaders that he has respected.

In view of the fact that the above-mentioned data indicates that [redacted] is acquainted with the subject and STEVE NELSON, it is requested that [redacted] be interviewed immediately to obtain from him all information in his possession to which he would be able to testify in the forthcoming Smith Act Trial regarding ALBERTSON's and NELSON's CP membership and activities.

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Attached for the Butte Office is an autostat copy of Bureau letter to New York, 10/19/51 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY - USA - BRIEF (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries Under the Smith Act); IS - C", which encloses an "Outline For Interview With Witnesses" and may be of assistance in conducting this interview with [redacted]

It is noted that Bureau letter to Pittsburgh dated 10/23/56 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY - USA - BRIEF (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries Under the Smith Act - Pittsburgh); IS - C", stated in part that "with the exception of current and discontinued informants and sources the Bureau desires to pass upon all contemplated interviews and sufficient background data AND justification should accompany each request." Inasmuch as Pittsburgh does not have current background data on [redacted] Butte is requested to furnish the Bureau in the most expeditious manner with sufficient background on [redacted] to obtain Bureau authority to interview.

It is requested that the Butte Office furnish Pittsburgh background information concerning [redacted] for utilization in the appendix-witness section of the supplemental prosecutive summary report. This background information should include such items as present availability and willingness to testify, reliability, education, length of time in the Party and positions held in the Party, if identity is to be concealed, whether any criminal record, and any other information of interest to the U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh to aid in evaluating the credibility and usefulness of [redacted] as a potential witness.

PG 65-749

Inasmuch as this case is scheduled for trial on 1/7/57, it is requested that this matter be given immediate and expeditious attention and the results furnished the Pittsburgh Office by 12/15/56.

It is also requested that [redacted] be questioned as to his knowledge concerning the other Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants, namely, BENJAMIN CAREATHERS, JAMES DOLSEN, ANDREW ONDA, and IRVING WEISSMAN.

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One PG letter to Bureau and AG 1-5-56 captioned "William Albertson, IS-C, Smith Act of 1940" and re Mr. Belmont's airtel to Bureau, CE and PG 12-10-56 captioned "Compros PG, IS-C," re [redacted] whom PG desires interviewed as potential witness against Albertson at forthcoming retrial of PG Smith Act defendants.

Since [redacted] has been interviewed on several occasions by CE (most recently 10-8-56 and 11-1-56 as potential witness at forthcoming Smith Act trial of Max Morris Weiss), authority granted CE to conduct interview requested in re PG letter, copy of which is attached hereto.

For information PG, [redacted] is presently stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as Master Sergeant Alexander Guss, ASN RA 36446366. In event the interview indicates that further consideration should be given to utilizing [redacted] as witness at PG retrial, Bureau will take up matter with headquarters G-2 in Washington.

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Enclosure

cc Pittsburgh 100-8527 Sub C

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cc 65-38100 (Albertson)

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SAC, BUFFALO (100-15270)

DIRECTOR (65-38100)

WILLIAM O ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
SMITH ACT OF 1940
OO: Pittsburgh

Re Pittsburgh letter 12/5/56, and enclosure dated 10/19/51.

CARL HACKER, formerly resided at Apartment 4, 4260 Union Rd., Buffalo 25, N.Y., and according to Birmingham letter to Buffalo dated 3/15/55, entitled "CARL HACKER, SM-C," (Birmingham 100-2836) was residing in Birmingham, Ala., and was Business Agent of Laundry Workers of America, AFL, North 23rd St., Birmingham.

HACKER, in 1955, also reported to be residing at 515 Park St., Birmingham, Ala.

For information of the Birmingham Office, HACKER has previously been interviewed by Bureau Agents in several offices and has been very cooperative in furnishing information concerning his own past activities in the CP or other individuals who were associated with him.

The Birmingham Office is being furnished as enclosures, Pittsburgh letter dated 12/5/56, and Bulet 10/19/51, and Birmingham should contact HACKER and obtain information desired by the Pittsburgh Office.

With respect to pertinent background information on HACKER, the Pittsburgh Office, under file 100-3965, is believed to be in possession of background information on HACKER. However, a report of Pennsylvania Motor Police dated 2/15/43, and Birmingham letter to Director, 6/14/47, which furnishes background data on HACKER, are being furnished as enclosures to Pittsburgh. . . .RUC.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Re PG airtel 12-5-56 a copy of which is forwarded herewith to BH. This airtel requested either BU or AL to interview [redacted] as a potential witness at forthcoming retrial of Albertson under the Smith Act.

Bufiles reflect that as of February 1955 [redacted] was living at [redacted] The copy of reairtel transmitted herewith to BH sets out the necessary instructions in connection with the interview with [redacted] If [redacted] no longer resides in BH, his current whereabouts should be ascertained and BH should suairtel lead to interview him.

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cc Pittsburgh (65-749)

cc Pittsburgh (100-8527 Sub C)

cc Buffalo

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cc Bufile 100-35861 [redacted]

YELLOW: William Albertson is one of the PG Smith Act defendants awaiting retrial under Smith Act. Retrial tentatively set for 1-7-57. [redacted] has never been a Bureau informant but has been cooperating with various Bureau offices since 1948. He has testified for Government at several hearings before the SACB.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - - - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; SMITH ACT, 1940
OO: PITTSBURGH

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The above captioned individual is the subject of a Smith Act case in the Pittsburgh Office. Subject was convicted in August, 1953, but the United States Supreme Court remanded the case back to the U.S. District Court, Pittsburgh, Pa., for a retrial on the grounds that one of the witnesses may have lied. According to the USA, Pittsburgh, Pa., the second Smith Act trial is scheduled to begin on 1/7/57.

A review of the Pittsburgh files has been made for additional witnesses who knew the subject to be a Communist Party (CP) member prior to the date of the original indictment (1/18/52) and were not known to the Pittsburgh Office at the time the prosecutive summaries were prepared for the first Smith Act trial. A supplementary prosecutive summary report is being prepared to include any additional evidence located reflecting CP membership or activities on the part of the subject during the statuatory period preceding the date of the original indictment. (Include any CP membership or activities anytime prior to 1/18/52.)

The files of the Pittsburgh Office reflect that [redacted] was interviewed by Bureau Agents at Pittsburgh on 5/22/53 at which time he indicated he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES DOLSEN and BEN CAREATHERS. He stated the following regarding ALBERTSON and DOLSEN and CAREATHERS:

[redacted] advised that he knew JAMES DOLSEN who replaced him as Secretary in the International Labor Defense in Pittsburgh (believed to be about 1935) and that he also knew BENJAMIN CAREATHERS. [redacted] advised that CAREATHERS was a part-time organizer of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee which was the predecessor of the USA-CIO and that CAREATHERS held various positions

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in the CP in Pittsburgh such as Financial Secretary and Section Organizer of the CP in the Hill District.

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[redacted] advised that when he came to Pittsburgh in 1929 or 1930, he heard of WILLIAM ALBERTSON who was then attending the University of Pittsburgh. He advised that ALBERTSON later obtained employment as a waiter since he was a member of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance at one of the resorts located in the mountains in New York State and that in about 1938, ALBERTSON became Secretary of Local 16 of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance in New York City, which position he held for about one and a half or two years while the CP had control of Local 16. [redacted] advised that the officials of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Alliance later regained control of Local 16 from the Communist members and that they removed ALBERTSON as Secretary of said Local and that ALBERTSON reportedly then came to Pittsburgh."

In view of the fact that the above-mentioned data indicates that [redacted] is acquainted with the subject, DOLSEN and CAREATHERS, it is requested that [redacted] be interviewed immediately to obtain from him all information in his possession to which he would be able to testify in the forth-coming Smith Act trial regarding their CP membership or activities.

It is requested that the Buffalo Office furnish background information concerning [redacted] for utilization in the Appendix-Witness section of the report. This background information should include such items as present availability and willingness to testify, reliability, education, length of time in the Party and positions held in the Party, whether any criminal record, if identity is to be protected and any other information of interest to the USA, Pittsburgh, to aid in evaluating the credibility and usefulness of [redacted] as a potential witness.

It is also requested that [redacted] be questioned regarding his knowledge, if any, of the other Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants, namely STEVE NELSON, ANDREW ONDA and IRVING WEISSMAN.

It is noted that the Bureau set forth in a letter to Pittsburgh dated October 23, 1956 captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY-USA-BRIEF (Prosecution of additional Communist functionaries under the Smith Act - Pittsburgh); IS-C", that "with the exception of

current and discontinued informants and sources, the Bureau desires to pass upon all contemplated interviews and sufficient background data and justification for such interviews should accompany each request." Pittsburgh does not have background information on [redacted]

Inasmuch as this case is scheduled for trial on 1/7/57, it is requested that this matter be given immediate and expeditious attention and that the results be furnished the Pittsburgh Office by 12/15/56.

An information copy of this letter is being furnished to Albany, in the event [redacted] is temporarily in the territory of that division so as to expedite the interview with [redacted] b7D

Attached for the Buffalo Office is an autostat copy of Bulet to New York, 10/19/51, captioned, "CP, USA - BRIEF (prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries Under the Smith Act) IS-C," which encloses an "Outline for Interview with Witnesses" and may be of assistance in conducting your interview with [redacted] (Albany is being furnished a copy of same by separate letter in connection with their interviews of JACK DAVIS and NICHOLAS CAMPAS.)

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	12/12/56	11/7;12/5/56

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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SYNOPSIS:

Informant reports WILLIAM ALBERTSON is presently the Assistant to the Chairman of the Industrial Division of the New York State Communist Party.

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DETAILS:

(U) [T-1], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on [November 26, 1956,] which disclosed that the name WILLIAM ALBERTSON was included on the New York State Communist Party payroll, for the weeks ending November 16, 1956.

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(U) This informant furnished information on [December 3, 1956,] which disclosed that the name [WILLIAM ALBERTSON] was included on the New York State Communist Party payroll for the week ending November 30, 1956.

(U) [T-2] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [November 9, 1956,] that WILLIAM ALBERTSON is the Assistant to the Chairman of the Industrial Division of the New York State Communist Party. According to informant, MORRIS GAINER is the Chairman of the Industrial Division. (prior release)

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-1 NY 1784-S* (U)	On CP payroll week ending 11/16/56 (U)			
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T-2 NY 694-S* (U)				

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The SI card pertaining to the subject has been reviewed, and all information appearing thereon is current and correct.

A suitable photograph of subject is available.

LEADS

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At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will follow and report prosecutive action of subject under the Smith Act of 1940.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

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Will follow and report pertinent activities of the subject.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] 11/7/56, New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 12/5/56

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON,
IS - C; SMITH ACT OF 1940
OO: PITTSBURGH

Remylet to New York, 11/8/56 and myairtel to New York, 11/29/56.

A review of the Pittsburgh files for additional witnesses who had knowledge of the subject's CP membership or activities prior to the date of the original indictment (1/18/52) and not previously reported in a prosecutive summary revealed the names of [redacted] and [redacted] b7D

The name of [redacted] appears on Page 3 of the report of SA [redacted], New York, 12/29/55 on the subject which reflected that she testified before the HCUA on 5/3-6/55 and stated the following regarding ALBERTSON: b6 b7C

"Concerning the subject, Mrs. Blauvelt testified that Albertson was a member of the Brooklyn Communist Party; was Trade Union Director of the County Committee of the Brooklyn Communist Party in 1944; became Vice President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association in 1944 and also addressed a meeting of the Flatbush Club of the Communist Party. [redacted] was a member of the Flatbush Club from April, 1944 until January, 1946." b7D

This report states that [redacted] was [redacted] with the New York City Police Department, and a member of the Communist Party as an undercover operative for the New York City Police Department from April, 1943 to November, 1951, when she was expelled.

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The name of [redacted] appears on Page 3 of the report of SA [redacted] New York, 3/28/56, on the subject, which reflects that he furnished a signed statement to SA [redacted], Headquarters, Region IV, 441 Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment, U.S. Army on 1/14/55 in which he stated he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a member of the Young Communist League and New York District of the Communist Party in 1926. b6 b7C b7D

It is requested that [redacted] and [redacted] be interviewed immediately to obtain all information in their possession to which they would be able to testify in the forthcoming Smith Act trial regarding subject's CP membership or activities.

If [redacted] is not in the New York Division, ascertain his location and set out appropriate lead to interview with information copy for Pittsburgh. b7D

It is also requested that [redacted] be interviewed regarding her knowledge of STEVE NELSON, also a Pittsburgh Smith Act defendant. (For the assistance of New York in conducting interviews, refer to Bulet to New York, 10/19/51, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries Under the Smith Act) INTERNAL SECURITY - C," which encloses an "Outline for Interview of Witnesses.")

It is noted that Bulet dated 10/23/56 to Pittsburgh captioned, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act - Pittsburgh); IS - C" stated in part "with the exception of current and discontinued informants and sources, the Bureau desires to pass upon all contemplated interviews and sufficient background data and justification for such interviews should accompany each request." Pittsburgh does not have background information on [redacted] or [redacted]. b7D

It is requested that New York furnish complete background information concerning [redacted] and [redacted] for utilization in the Appendix-Witness section of the report. This background information should include such items as present availability, and willingness to testify, reliability, education, length of

time in the Party and positions held in the Party, whether any criminal record, if identity is to be protected and any other information of interest to the USA at Pittsburgh to aid in evaluating the credibility and usefulness of [redacted] and [redacted] as potential witnesses. b7D

The files of the Pittsburgh Office also contain information that on 12/17/51 and in January, 1952, subject received money by check drawn on the account of the CP - USA at the Manufacturers Trust Company, 67 West 125th Street, New York City. This information appears in New York letter to Detroit dated 6/6/52 captioned "CP-USA-FUNDS; IS-C" and was check number 1076 dated 12/17/51 for $110. The second ~~information~~ ITEM appears on Page 26 in the report of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER, New York, dated 4/18/52, captioned "CP-USA; IS-C" reflecting a check in January, 1952 (number not known nor specific date) for $110. Information was received in both cases from L. H. WENDT, Assistant Manager, Manufacturers Trust Company.

It is requested that the New York Office check with the Manufacturers Trust Company to ascertain if any record of these checks was made by the Bank and, if so, obtain four certified photographic or other appropriate reproductions of each check which can be introduced as evidence and the name of the Bank official who can introduce the original.

It is requested that this matter be given immediate and expeditious attention in order to make results of the investigation available to the Pittsburgh Office by 12/15/56.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (100-4692)

RE : WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; SMITH ACT, 1940.

Rebuairtel to BH 12-12-56, requesting interview of [redacted], BH, as potential witness in forthcoming re-trial of subject under Smith Act.

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Following efforts to locate [redacted] made by SA JAMES L. PUGH, 12-14-56:

D. M. ARCHER, Local Representative, International Laundry Workers Union, CIO - AFL, 421 North 23rd St., BH, advised that [redacted] employment with this union as Business Agent was terminated 8-12-55 and he soon thereafter moved to Allentown, Pa. ARCHER stated [redacted] last residence in BH was [redacted] He corresponded with [redacted] up to December, 1955, at General Delivery, Allentown, Pa. He stated [redacted] indicated he was placing his wife, [redacted] in a mental institution or rest home in Allentown. Acquaintances of [redacted] JOHN M. WOODALL and Mrs. AUDREY GREEN, employees Bankhead Hotel, BH, as well as Merchants Credit Association, BH, negative as to locating [redacted] BH Post Office records reflect on 8-21-55, [redacted] left forwarding address from [redacted] to General Delivery, Allentown, Pa.

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Enclosed herewith for Philadelphia are copy Pittsburgh letter dated 12-5-56, requesting interview of [redacted] copy BUairtel to Bureau dated 12-11-56; Photostat of Bureau letter to New York captioned "Communist Party, USA - Brief (prosecution of additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act); Internal Security - C" dated 10-19-51, and Buairtel to Birmingham dated 12-12-56. Philadelphia locate and interview [redacted] as instructed in enclosed communications.

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BH 100-4692

BH unable to furnish background information re [redacted] as pertinent serials in BH file captioned [redacted] SM - C" were forwarded to New York by copy of BH letter to Director dated 1-15-53. b6 b7C

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

SAC, ALBANY (100-12954)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re Pittsburgh letter December 5, and Bureau airtel December 11, 1956.

Re the attached memos enclosed for Pittsburgh containing background info on JACK DAVIS and NICHOLAS CAMPAS. DAVIS and CAMPAS were each contacted on December 12, 1956, and stated that they were available and willing to testify in any Federal procedure involving ALBERTSON.

Each of these individuals stated at this time they had no additional information concerning ALBERTSON other than that to which they testified in July of 1953, before the Committee on Un-American Activities.

CAMPAS testified in July of 1953, that he had attended two or three National Food Fraction Meetings which were composed of CP members who were also either members or officers of various restaurant and hotel unions. The fraction meetings which he attended included individuals who are from the eastern part of the United States. To CAMPAS' best remembrance, these fraction meetings were held in the latter 1930's and in New York City. The purpose of these fraction meetings was to coordinate the work of the CP within the hotel and restaurant union. CAMPAS testified that one WILLIAM ALBERTSON, an officer of the Waiters' Union, Local 16, New York City, attended at least one of these fraction meetings.

JACK DAVIS testified that he had also attended National Fraction Meetings and described them substantially the same as CAMPAS did. He placed these meetings between 1936 and 1940 and said that most of them had been held in New York City. He identified WILLIAM ALBERTSON, an officer in a Waiters' Union, Local 16, New York City, as among those who attended some of these fraction meetings.

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Re Pittsburgh airtel 12/5/56 captioned "[illegible]
[illegible] SAC, LOS ANGELES dated 12/4/56.

[illegible] Pittsburgh, [illegible] Pittsburgh on 12/4/56 advised SA [illegible] that [illegible] 12/4/56 contacted the office and advised that he desired to have his request for travel to New York and Philadelphia originally scheduled from 12/23/56 to 1/3/57, amended to include 12/17/56 to 1/22/56, so that he may contact individuals for the purpose of determining who will be the counsel for the [illegible] with the defendants. [illegible] stated that the [illegible] Smith or defendants may appear in the federal court, Pittsburgh, on 1/7/57 to advise the court the identity of their counsel. [illegible] also stated that he would interpose no objection to [illegible]'s request and that [illegible] will furnish any information regarding his temporary absences while away from Pittsburgh.

[illegible] further stated that [illegible] had written to the Bureau and advised that he was permission from the Bureau to travel to Philadelphia [illegible] on 12/14/56 and returning

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-74-39)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-81752 Sub 2)

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Rebulet to Pittsburgh, 10/23/56, entitled "Communist Party, USA - Brief (Prosecution of Additional Communist Functionaries under the Smith Act - Pittsburgh); Internal Security - C." Re Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, 12/5/56, entitled "William Albertson; IS-C, Smith Act of 1940." Re Charlotte letter to the Bureau, 9/5/56, entitled [redacted], was; SM-C." (Bufile 100-25195;

[redacted] Referenced Pittsburgh letter requests that [redacted] be interviewed regarding his knowledge of any pertinent activity of WILLIAM ALBERTSON. NYO files reflect [redacted] last residing in Charlotte Division. For the information of Charlotte, WILLIAM ALBERTSON along with STEVE NELSON, IRVING WEISSMAN, JAMES H. DOLSEN, BENJAMIN CARRATHERS and ANDREW ONDA are scheduled for a retrial under the Smith Act which, according to the Pittsburgh Office, is to start on or about 1/7/57.

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With regards to interviews of potential witnesses the Bureau in rebulet has instructed as follows: "With the exception of current and discontinued informants and sources, the Bureau desires to pass upon all contemplated interviews and sufficient background data and justification for such interviews should accompany each request." It is believed that the Bureau has complete background information regarding [redacted] and the Bureau is requested to give consideration to authorize Charlotte to conduct this interview.

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2 - Charlotte (RM)
2 - Pittsburgh (100-8527 Sub C) (COMPROS - PITTSBURGH) (RM)
(1 - Pittsburgh 65-749 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info)
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Re PG letter to Bureau and NY 12-5-56 captioned "William Albertson, IS-C, Smith Act of 1940" and re NY airtel to Bureau, CE and PG 12-10-56 captioned "Compros PG, IS-C," re [redacted] whom PG desires interviewed as potential witness against Albertson at forthcoming retrial of PG Smith Act defendants.

Since [redacted] has been interviewd on several occasions by CE (most recently 10-8-56 and 11-1-56 as potential witness at forthcoming Smith Act trial of Max Morris Weiss), authority granted CE to conduct interview requested in re PG letter, a copy of which is attached hereto.

For information PG, [redacted] is presently stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as [redacted] In event the interview indicates that further consideration should be given to utilizing [redacted] as witness at PG retrial, Bureau will take up matter with headquarters G-2 in Washington.

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In addition to the intergiew of [redacted] Charlotte should obtain and furnish to the Bureau and Pittsburgh complete background information and in accordance with SAC Letter 55-15 any information reflecting adversely upon the credibility of the potential witness would also be furnished.

Pittsburgh has requested expeditious handling.

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cc: Mr. Rudd

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 12/7/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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SMITH ACT OF 1940
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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101 West 16th Street, New York, New York

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUTTE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re Pittsburgh letter 12/4/56 and Bureau airtel 12/12/56.

FRED LEONARD GARDNER, [redacted], furnished the following to SA [redacted] 12/14/56. b6 b7C

He was in Pittsburgh and Erie, Pennsylvania, about 11/37 to 1940; in Pittsburgh, Sharon and Erie 11/45 to late 1949. Employed as Organizer for UE. Joined CP of own volition New York City 1935 and was member until expelled Butte, Montana, 6/55.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON Believes ALBERTSON had title of CP Organizational Secretary for Western Pennsylvania although never paid much attention to titles. During GARDINER's latter Pennsylvania residence, attended CP meetings with ALBERTSON mostly in Erie. These were primarily open CP meetings and were large meetings. Matters of general CP nature discussed. Members included both trade union and non-trade union people. He knew ALBERTSON as open CP functionary with exception of one week, described below. ALBERTSON would usually speak on recruiting, fund raising, at some meetings would try to teach some phase or theory of Marxism, would probably make some talk on Marxist literature and distribute CP literature. GARDNER cannot recall any specific statements, speeches or documents used and has no CP documents or CP literature in possession at this time. Has no recollection of any revolutionary statements. States due to many meetings and passage of time, it is not possible for him to recall specifics without something to "stimulate his memory."

Shortly after arrest of 12 CP leaders in 1948, ALBERTSON came to GARDNER's house at 1212 West 26th Street, Erie, to hide out. He came to the house alone, stayed in the house all the time and had no visitors. GARDNER cannot recall just how he left but believes he left openly. This appeared to be a very unplanned procedure and ALBERTSON hid out for the week because he expected arrest. When he felt it was safe, he left GARDNER's home and

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resumed his open CP activity going back to the CP Office.

STEVE NELSON later expressed criticism of ALBERTSON to GARDNER for ALBERTSON's going to GARDNER's house. NELSON said "What the hell, the FBI knew about GARDNER and would know ALBERTSON was at GARDNER's house."

GARDNER added that he had no use for ALBERTSON and considered him an arrogant egotistical type who felt he and LENIN were the only two worth mentioning and he doubted LENIN.

STEVE NELSON GARDNER attended many, many meetings with NELSON in Erie, Pittsburgh, Sharon and Farrell. He knew NELSON as District Organizer for Western Pennsylvania. Meetings varied from small meetings with three or four persons present to large meetings involving many people. NELSON's duties were much the same as ALBERTSON including recruiting, education, distribution of literature. It may be noted here GARDNER has never attended a CP school as such. GARDNER states he had lots of association with NELSON and NELSON spent lots of time at GARDNER's house. GARDNER encouraged NELSON to do so as he personally liked NELSON very much and he still does to this day. After the arrest of the 12 CP leaders in 1948, CP meetings became more secretive and several of them were held in Pittsburgh city parks so that there would be no witnesses, etc. For most of these meetings NELSON would contact GARDNER himself or SAM REED or DAVE GRANT would contact GARDNER to tell him about a proposed meeting. As with ALBERTSON, GARDNER states he cannot recall any specific statements, speeches or documents used and has no documents in his possession. He has no recollection of any revolutionary statements.

BENJAMIN CAREATHERS He knew CAREATHERS as CP functionary in charge of Negro workers. He attended meetings with him in Pittsburgh and Erie. His duties involved recruiting, distributing literature, education and general CP activity among the Negro people. As with the above two, cannot recall anything specific.

JAMES DOLSEN He knew DOLSEN as person in charge of "Daily Worker" sales in Pittsburgh. DOLSEN attended possibly two or three CP meetings in Erie at which GARDNER was present. DOLSEN's CP position was to push "Daily Worker" sales and to raise funds for the CP.

ANDREW ONDA GARDNER first met ONDA in 1946 in Youngstown. ONDA later did radio broadcasts for the CP in Sharon and GARDNER was brought into contact with him as UE paid part of expenses of these broadcasts. Also recalls ONDA attending CP meetings in Sharon. During GARDNER's last years in Pennsylvania, he recalls ONDA being present at most meetings where NELSON was present. GARDNER could furnish no specific information about ONDA.

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IRVING WEISSMAN GARDNER does not know this man.

GARDNER states he is very unwilling to testify in any proceeding involving STEVE NELSON. NELSON is "one guy I would hate to say anything against." This is due to GARDNER's strong personal friendship with NELSON.

It is not necessary to conceal GARDNER's identity, his information has been reliable in the past, he has a grade school education, never held CP office, testified before Federal Grand Juries in Denver 9/56 and in New York City 10/56. His background and information re credibility has already been furnished Department.

GARDNER is leaving Butte 12/17/56 for travel on union business in the State of Washington with no fixed address and will return Butte about 12/23/56, remaining Butte until January 1, 1957, when he will leave again.

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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH

WILLIAM O ALBERTSON; IS DASH C; SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY.

RE BUFFALO AIRTEL DECEMBER ELEVEN NINETEEN FIFTY SIX AND BUAIRTEL DECEMBER TWELVE NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. PG DOES NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE TYPE BACKGROUND DATA ON [redacted] TO SET FORTH IN APPENDIX DASH WITNESS SECTION OF PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT. DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] OBTAIN FROM HIM BRIEF BACKGROUND SUMMARY REGARDING HIMSELF TO INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS AVAILABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY, [redacted] EDUCATION, LENGTH OF TIME IN PARTY AND BRIEF RESUME OF POSITIONS HELD IN PARTY, IF IDENTITY TO BE CONCEALED, IF HE HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE AND IF SO, BRIEFLY WHERE, WHEN AND FOR WHOM, WHETHER ANY CRIMINAL RECORD AND IF SO DETAILS, APPEARANCE AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO USA TO AID IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY AND USEFULNESS OF [redacted] AS POTENTIAL WITNESS. ALSO FURNISH AVAILABLE INFO RE RELIABILITY.
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA U R G E N T

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C., SMITH ACT FORTY. REMYLET TO BUREAU DECEMBER FIVE LAST AND BUREAU AND PH TELS DECEMBER TWENTYONE INSTANT. PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] WAS TO VERIFY INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED AND TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP MORE SPECIFIC DATA AS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ALL PITTSBURGH SMITH ACT DEFENDANTS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW [redacted] PHYSICAL CONDITION UACB NOT NOW FELT HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IN THIS MATTER. INASMUCH AS INFO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY [redacted] WOULD BE OF NO APPARENT VALUE IN CONNECTION WITH PG TRIAL WITHOUT MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS THE DATA CONTAINED IN REPGLET FURNISHED BY [redacted] WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN PG-S SUPPLEMENTAL PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORTS.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C, SMITH ACT FORTY. REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTYONE FIFTYSIX. SINCE CONTEMPLATED INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] NOT IN NATURE OF PRETRIAL INTERVIEW BUT SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF VERIFYING INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BUREAU DOES NOT FEEL [redacted] SHOULD BE OFFERED ANY FINANCIAL REMUNERATION. FURTHER, IN VIEW OF PRESENT PHYSICAL CONDITION OF BOTH [redacted] AND HIS WIFE IT MAY NOT BE DESIRABLE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW AT THIS TIME. PH TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION PENDING RECOMMENDATION OF PG WHICH SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH BUREAU FOR APPROVAL.

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YELLOW: PG presently preparing prosecutive-type reports on defendants who will be retried in PG Smith Act case. [redacted] is former CP member who has been cooperative during interviews conducted over past few years. He has never been an informant of Bureau. Interview requested solely for purpose of verifying information previously furnished; to obtain background data concerning [redacted] as potential witness and to determine his availability and willingness to testify should Department deem his testimony essential.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS DASH C, SMITH ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY. RE PG TEL DEC. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYSIX, REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF [redacted] AS POTENTIAL WITNESS AND FOR APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND-TYPE DATA FOR PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT. [redacted] LOCATED BELTHLEHEM, PA. EMPLOYED [redacted] RADER-S CAFE. WIFE, [redacted] MENTAL PATIENT ON FURLOUGH FROM ALLENTOWN STATE HOSPITAL, NOW RESIDING WITH [redacted] BUT DUE TO HER CONDITION, EXPECTED TO BE RECOMMITTED. WIFE-S CONDITION HAS REPORTEDLY AFFECTED [redacted] WHO IS IN HIGHLY NERVOUS STATE. [redacted] NOT YET INTERVIEWED FOR ABOVE REASONS. PG ADVISE WHETHER INFO REPORTEDLY FURNISHED BY [redacted] CONCERNING SUBJECT, IF VERIFIED, IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE AS TO JUSTIFY INTERVIEW UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. [redacted] NOT A PAID INFORMANT OF PH. IF PG DIRECTS INTERVIEW ADVISE IF [redacted] PAID BY ANY OFFICE, IF NOT, UACB [redacted] WILL BE PAID UP TO THIRTY DOLLARS UPON SAC AUTHORITY FOR TIME AND EXPENSE INVOLVED, ON COD BASIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-19252)

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The following letter was received at Local No. 277, Hotel, Cafeteria & Waitresses Union, AFL, 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston 16, Mass., from WILLIAM ALBERTSON. This letter was received from an anonymous source by letter at the Boston Office:

"WILLIAM ALBERTSON
430 West 119th Street
New York 27, New York

December 4, 1956

"Dear Sir and Brother:

"I wish to thank those of you who supported me in the fight against my five year sentence for allegedly violating the Smith Act.

"No doubt your support helped us to win a very important victory from which all labor can profit.

"On October 10, the United States Supreme Court reversed our convictions and stated that we were entitled to a new trial. This decision was based on the fact that false stool-pigeon testimony had been used in this frame-up against us. In the words of Chief Justice Earl Warren:

'The dignity of the United States Government will not permit the conviction of any person on tainted testimony. This conviction is tainted, and there can be no other just result than to accord petitioners a new trial.'

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"The continued use by the Department of Justice of professional political stool-pigeons is a menace to the civil liberties of American labor and the people generally. Hundreds of people have been deported, others have lost their jobs and been blacklisted, and many have been jailed as a result of the lies told by paid informers on the witness stand. There is no difference between the employers' stool-pigeons in the shops and unions and the political stool-pigeon. They are both frame-up artists.

"Smith Act trials, because they are trials of thoughts and ideas and speech (which are supposed to be free under our Constitution), can only be based on the lies of political informers. Such trials should have no place in our system of democracy with its Bill of Rights.

"These are the reasons I ask you to consider making

"....a demand on Attorney General Herbert Brownell that, in light of the U. S. Supreme Court decision in my case, he end the system of using political informers and that he withdraw the indictment against me and my co-defendants;

"....a financial contribution so that I can pay my share of the debts accumulated in this court fight which has been going on since August, 1951.

"Thanking you again, I am

"Fraternally yours,

"/s/ Wm. Albertson

"William Albertson"

The original of this letter is being forwarded to the New York Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHARLOTTE	NEW YORK ~~PITTSBURGH~~	1/4/57	1/2,3/57

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	ROBERT M. STEVENSON	jhs

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

SYNOPSIS:

M/Sgt. ALEXANDER GUSS, aka GUSAKOFF, ASN RA 32442366, Fort Bragg, N. C., in signed statement states he knew subject from about 1924 to about 1937 as an active member of YCL and CP in NYC. Stated he attended YCL and CP meetings with subject in NYC during this period but unable to recall exact dates or details of meetings due to lapse of time. Stated he is available and willing to testify against subject in USDC.

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DETAILS: AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

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On January 2, 1957, M/Sgt. ALEXANDER GUSS, also known as ALEXANDER GUSSAKOFF, Army Serial Number RA 32442366, Special Warfare Center, formerly known as the Psychological Warfare Center, and residence address 354 Castle Drive, both Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was interviewed by SAs ROBERT M. STEVENSON and [redacted] and on January 3, 1957, Sergeant GUSS furnished the following signed statement:

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"Fort Bragg, N. C.
January 3, 1957

"I, Alexander Guss, make the following voluntary statement to Robert M. Stevenson and [redacted] who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises, or rewards have been made to induce me to make this statement. I fully realize this statement can by used in any court of law. This statement is being made concerning WILLIAM ALBERTSON's connection and activities in the Communist Party.

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"I knew William Albertson from about 1924 to about 1937. I first met him while in Pittsburgh, Pa. about 1924 where his mother, at that time, attended Communist meetings at the Labor Lyceum.

"To the best of my recollection, William Albertson had been active in the Pioneer movement of the Communist Party and he was later a member of the Young Communist League.

"I do not recall ever working with William Albertson in the Communist Party but I remember having attended many meetings of the Young Communist League with him in New York City as well as having been with him at certain Young Communist League meetings and Communist Party conferences.

"Due to the lapse of time, I cannot establish the exact dates of such meetings. I can definitely state that William Albertson was a member of the Young Communist League and later a member of the Communist Party. I recall at one time he was a member of the Young Communist League District #2 New York, Committee. I recall he made some speeches along the Communist Party lines. He was active in recruiting in the Young Communist League and the Communist Party.

"I have seen him at Young Communist League and Communist Party meetings and conferences in New York City and have known him to be an active, book carrying member of both organizations.

"To the best of my recollection William Albertson was assigned work in the trade union field. I vaguely recall that some articles were published in Communist publications which were written by ALBERTSON and signed under his true name.

"As stated above I do not remember the exact dates due to the lapse of time but I can definitely state that I know that William Albertson was active in the YCL and Communist Party from about 1924 to about 1937.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/"Alexander Guss

"Witnesses: [redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte, N. C.; /s/ "Robert M. Stevenson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte, N. C."

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In addition to the above, Sergeant GUSS stated he is available and willing to testify in United States District Court in behalf of the Government against subject. He stated he has a B. S. Degree in Economics from the University of Sophia, Tokyo, Japan. Heis fifty years of age and a member of the white race.

Sergeant GUSS stated he was an active member of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party in New York City from about 1924 to about 1939. He stated he was a section organizer and subsequently a sub-district organizer in Western New York State. He said he was also at one time during this period a member of the Communist Party Election Campaign in the State of Illinois.

Sergeant GUSS stated he knows of no reason why his identity should not be revealed as a witness in behalf of the government in United States District Court. He stated he has never testified in District Court and further, he has no arrest record.

Sergeant GUSS stated he has been a member of the United States Army for the past fifteen years and is presently performing "Top Secret" duties in the Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg.

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REFERENCES

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100)

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; SMITH ACT of 1950
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Re supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 9/29/52, and Pittsburgh let to Bureau 9/29/52.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of a supplemental prosecutive summary report dated 1/11/57 by SA [redacted] which sets forth all additional admissible evidence contained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office regarding the subject. One information copy is being furnished to the Detroit Office inasmuch as the subject was residing in the Detroit Division for approximately two years preceding the date of the indictment on January 18, 1952, and said report may be of future assistance in this matter.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INFORMANTS UTILIZED IN THE ENCLOSED SUPPLEMENTAL PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT OF SA [redacted] PITTSBURGH, DATED JANUARY 11, 1957

It is noted that confidential informant T-15 utilized in the enclosed report, is identical with confidential informant T-15 used in the supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated 12/14/51, and was further identified in Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated 12/14/51.

Set forth hereinafter are the identities of the additional confidential informants who were utilized in the enclosed report:

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(U) Confidential Informant T-31 is [redacted] (identity protected by request)

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Confidential Informant T-32 is former Detroit security informant [redacted] a former Negro security informant who is currently being rehabilitated with very good potential of being readmitted into the CRI on a high level basis. This

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informant was in the CP movement since 1930, is intelligent, and would make a good witness, however, he has repeatedly stated he does not wish under any circumstances to testify until such time as war is imminent with enemy forces. (No additional background available at Pittsburgh) (C)

(U) (U) Confidential Informant T-33 (C)

T-33 is [redacted] who is employed as a coal miner by the Valley Camp Coal Company, Triadelphia, W. Va. [redacted] was carried as a PSI by the Pittsburgh Office from March, 1954, until November 23, 1955, when he was cancelled because he showed little interest in reactivating himself in the CP. [redacted] was a former member of the Young Communist League in the late 1920's and early 1930's as well as a former CP member. (C)

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(U) (U) Confidential Informant T-34 (C)

T-34 is Detroit security informant [redacted], a current informant of the Detroit Office who is an intelligent individual with a college education and is willing to testify. The Detroit Office states, however, that the use of this witness would impair the coverage of the Detroit Office with regard to coverage of the activities of the Socialist Workers Party (No additional background available at Pittsburgh) (C)

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(U) (U) Confidential Informant T-35 (C)

T-35 is Detroit confidential source [redacted], who is a current confidential source and former security informant of the Detroit Office. Informant is white, intelligent, and would make a good witness. This source has a possibility of reactivation on a high level in the CP and is unwilling to testify, stating that he does not feel the information he can furnish in this case is important enough to justify his exposure. (No additional background available at Pittsburgh) (C)

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SUPPLEMENTAL PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

B. Chronological History of Party Activity and Positions

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Witness: Appropriate official, Industrial National Bank, Detroit, Michigan (U) (CC)

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Witness: Confidential Informant (U) T-31 (CC)

On November 16, 1951, the subject was paid $55.00 weekly wages by District 7, Communist Party - USA. (U) (CC)

Witness: Confidential Informant (U) T-15 (CC)

As of November 30, 1951, the subject was referred to as "The Commissar" and was directing the underground transmittal of messages through the Michigan Civil Rights Congress in Detroit, Michigan.

Witness: Confidential Informant (U) T-32 (CC)

IV. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF OVER-ALL MARXIST-LENINIST PROGRAM OF COMMUNIST PARTY AIMED AT EVENTUAL OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT

B. Writings

The September 23, 1951, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" carried an article entitled "Albertson Thanks Contributors" in which the subject, described as Executive Secretary of the Michigan Communist Party, expressed his thanks to those who loaned funds to the Michigan Civil Rights Bail Fund so that he could be released from prison. He then urged support of the Michigan Civil Rights Congress campaign to obtain additional funds of $35,000 to augment and replenish the Michigan Civil Rights Bail Fund

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established to guarantee the release of additional victims of the Smith Act and McCarran Act and of other anti-democratic charges.

Exhibit No. 37: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the September 23, 1951, issue of "Michigan Edition - The Worker" pertaining to subject

(To be obtained)

Witness:

On December 16, 1951, the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" carried an article entitled "Communist Tells Truman to Stop Genocidal Acts," which disclosed that the subject, on December 7, 1951, had written a letter to President HARRY S. TRUMAN calling upon him to order the Justice Department to find the perpetrators of the bombing of Negro and Jewish homes only a few miles from where President TRUMAN spent his vacation in Florida.

Exhibit No. 38: Certified photostatic copy of an article in the December 16, 1951, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" pertaining to subject

(To be obtained)

Witness:

On December 31, 1951, and January 2, 1952, the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist publication, carried articles by the subject entitled "Why Bait of Defense Jobs Fades for Auto Workers" and "Auto Unemployment and United Auto Workers Parley, January 13 and 14, 1952." In these articles the subject criticized the administration's "war economy" as intensifying the basic causes that create unemployment under capitalism and called for a program of peace.

Exhibit No. 39: Certified photostatic copy of an article by the subject in the December 31, 1951, issue of the "Daily Worker"

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(To be obtained)

Witness:

Exhibit No. 40: Certified photostatic copy of an article by the subject in the January 2, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker"

(To be obtained)

Witness:

E. Attendance at Important Meetings Such as National Conventions and Plenums, District and State Conventions. (This section also includes local meetings believed pertinent, showing extent of subject's Communist Party activities)

Witness advised on January 3, 1957, that he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON from about 1924 to 1937; that he first met the subject in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, about 1924 where his mother at that time attended Communist meetings at the Labor Lyceum; that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was active in the pioneer movement of the Communist Party and later a member of the Young Communist League; that he attended many meetings of the Young Communist League with the subject in New York City, as well as having been with the subject at certain Young Communist League meetings and Communist Party conferences, exact dates of meetings not recalled; that the subject was definitely a member of the Young Communist League and later a member of the Communist Party; that at one time during this period subject was a member of the Young Communist League, District 2, New York, Committee; that the subject made speeches along the Communist Party lines and was active in recruiting in the Young Communist League and the Communist Party; that he attended Young Communist League and Communist Party meetings and conferences in New York City with the subject and knew him to be an active book carrying member of both organizations; that, as he recalled, the subject was assigned work in the trade union field; and that, finally, he could not remember the exact dates due to the lapse of time, but could definitely state that the subject was active in the Young Communist League and the Communist Party from about 1924 to 1937.

Witness: Master Sergeant ALEXANDER GUSS, also known as Alexander Gussakoff, Army Serial Number RA

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32442366, Special Warfare Center, U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Residence: 354 Castle Drive, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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Witness advised on January 7, 1957, that he first met the subject, who was a student at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at a (U) Young Communist League meeting on the North Side of Pittsburgh in about 1928 - 1930. Witness stated that the subject was very active at the time in the Young Communist League in Pittsburgh and made speeches at meetings of said organization but he could not recall at this time just what the subject said.

(U) Witness: Confidential Informant T-33

(U) Witness testified in July, 1953, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Albany, New York, that he had attended two or three National Food Fraction meetings which were composed of Communist Party members who were also either members or officers of various restaurant and hotel unions. (U) The fraction meetings which he attended included individuals who were from the eastern part of the United States. To witness' best recollection, these (U) fraction meetings were held in the latter 1930's in New York City. The purpose of these fraction meetings was to coordinate the work of the Communist Party within the hotel and restaurant union. Witness testified that the subject, who was an officer of the Waiters Union, Local 16, (U) New York City, attended at least one of these fraction meetings.

Witness: NICHOLAS CAMPAS,

(U)

(U) Witness testified in July, 1953, before the House Committee on Un-American (U) Activities at Albany, New York, that he had also attended between 1936 and 1940 National Food Fraction meetings which were composed of Communist Party members and that most of these meetings were held in New York City. Witness stated that the subject, who was an officer in the Waiters Union, Local 16, (U) New York City, was among those individuals who attended some of these fraction meetings. Witness described these meetings substantially the same as witness (U) NICHOLAS CAMPAS.

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Witness: JACK DAVIS,

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Witness testified in an open hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities between May 3 - 6, 1955 (Publication: Investigation of Communist Activities, New York Area - Parts III and IV), that ALBERTSON was a member of the Brooklyn Communist Party; that he was Trade Union Director of the County Committee of the Brooklyn Communist Party in 1944; that he became Vice President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association in 1944; and that he also addressed a meeting of the Flatbush Club of the Communist Party.

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On December 5, 1956, witness advised that she attended a meeting of the Flatbush Club of the Communist Party held at 248 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on April 18, 1944, at which meeting subject was introduced to those present by the chairman of the club as Trade Union Director of Kings County.

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On December 5, 1956, witness advised that she attended a meeting of the Fort Greene Section of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, New York, on March 27, 1947, which was held to protest the threatened outlawing of the Communist Party. At this meeting the subject, who was introduced as Assistant Labor Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, was the principal speaker. Subject declared that any attempts to outlaw the Communist Party would fail inasmuch as the people are too well aware of what happened under HITLER to allow any such fascist tactics to take place here.

Witness: Mrs. MILDRED V. BLAUVELT, Former Operator #51, Special Squad #1, New York City Police Department

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Witness, a self-admitted former member of the Young Communist League from 1940 to July, 1942, and the Communist Party from the spring of 1946 to 1948, advised on September 22, 1953, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a member of the Communist Party and that he had attended Communist Party meetings at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with ALBERTSON. Witness advised on December 6, 1956, that his (witness') work within the Communist Party was on a low level consisting of routine assignments and attendance at Communist Party meetings, many of which were held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh. Witness added that he knew JAMES DOLSEN, "Daily Worker" correspondent, ANDREW ONDA and WILLIAM ALBERTSON to be members of the Communist Party at Pittsburgh because these individuals attended most of the Communist Party meetings and worked in a leadership capacity.

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Witness: DAVID ELLERY RENSHAW, Jr., [redacted]

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(U) Witness advised on December 14, 1956, that he was in Pittsburgh and Erie, Pennsylvania, from about November, 1937, to 1940, and in Pittsburgh, Erie and Sharon, Pennsylvania, from November, 1945, to late 1949. Witness (U) believes subject held the title of Communist Party Organizational Secretary for Western Pennsylvania (1947 - 1950), although he never paid much attention to titles. During witness' latter Pennsylvania residence, (U) witness attended Communist Party meetings with the subject, mostly in Erie. Witness advised that these meetings were primarily large open meetings; that matters of a general Communist Party nature were discussed; that the members included both trade union and non-trade union people; that he knew the subject as an open Communist Party functionary with the exception of one week, described below; and that the subject would usually speak on recruiting or fund raising, and at some meetings subject would try to teach some phase or theory of Marxism or make a talk on Marxist literature and distribute Communist Party literature.

Witness advised that shortly after the arrest of the twelve Communist Party leaders in 1948, subject came to witness' house at 1212 West 26th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania, to hide out; that the subject came to his house alone, stayed in the house all of the time and had no visitors; that witness could not recall just how the subject left but believed he departed openly; that (U) this appeared to be a very unplanned procedure and subject hid out for the week because he expected to be arrested; and that when the subject left witness' home, it was considered safe and he resumed his open Communist Party activities by going back to the Communist Party office. Witness advised that STEVE NELSON, Chairman of District 5, Communist Party, later expressed criticism of the subject to him for ALBERTSON'S having gone to (U) witness' house. NELSON remarked that the FBI knew about the witness and would know ALBERTSON was at witness' house.

Witness: (U) FRED LEONARD GARDNER, [redacted] x b6 b7C

Witnesses advised subject attended a bazaar at the Jewish Cultural Center, Detroit, Michigan, on November 16, 17 and 18, 1951, which was sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Club, which was characterized as created by the Communist Party to advance the cause and circulation of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker," which is the Michigan edition of "The Worker," an east coast Communist publication.

Witnesses: (U) STEVE SCHEMANSKE, Detroit, Michigan

(U) Confidential Informant T-34

F. Attendance at Communist Party Schools or Subject's Acting as Instructor at Communist Party Schools

(U) Witness advised on September 27, 1956, that between approximately 1947 and 1950 the subject, Secretary of District 5, Communist Party, and his wife came to his farm house and made arrangements with him to furnish room and board accommodations for one week during the summer months for approximately 12 to 15 people, names not recalled, so that they could have meetings or classes there on his farm; that he did not know the people, but the principal person or leader was from New York City and the others were from the Western Pennsylvania area; that he did not attend any of these sessions himself and did not know what they discussed; and that he had done this because he needed the money badly and he received about $300 from ALBERTSON for same. Witness stated that ALBERTSON tried to pay him with a check drawn on the Communist Party which he would not accept. Witness stated that the meetings were held on his farm on two succeeding years and as he recalled, STEVE NELSON, Chairman of District 5, Communist Party, attended some of these meetings or classes.

Witness: (U) RICHARD HENRY LAWRY, c/o Lawry's Nursery Farm, Box 64, Rector, Pennsylvania

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

(U) The subject attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the Michigan Civil Rights Congress on September 24, 1951, at 1442 Griswold Street, Detroit, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and plan the proposed activities of the Civil Rights Congress during "The Smith Act Campaign." One phase of this campaign was the formation of a "Special Committee" around the fight of WILLIAM ALBERTSON. The subject spoke at this meeting urging support of "The Smith Act Campaign."

Witness: (U) Confidential Informant T-35

VII. APPENDIX - WITNESSES

The following are the witnesses, set forth in the order in which they appear in the previous sections of this report:

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(U) (C) Appropriate official, Industrial National Bank, Detroit, Michigan	This witness, [redacted] can, upon the issuance of an appropriate subpoena, testify that [redacted] (C) (U)	1 b7D
(U) Confidential Informant T-31 (C)	This witness, [redacted] upon the issuance of an appropriate subpoena, can testify that [redacted] (C) (U)	2 b7D
(U) Confidential Informant T-15 (C)	(It is noted that previous data regarding this witness was set forth in the report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated December 14, 1951, page 34)	2 b6 b7C
(U)	(U) This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the FBI. This witness can testify that the subject was paid $55 weekly wages by District 7, Communist Party - USA, on November 16, 1951. (C)	
(U) Confidential Informant T-32 (C)	This witness is a former security informant of this Bureau. This witness has been in the (C) (U)	2

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(U)	Communist Party movement since 1930, is intelligent and would make a good witness; however, he has repeatedly stated that he does not wish, under any circumstances, to testify until such time as war is imminent with enemy forces. This witness can furnish information concerning the subject's position in the Communist Party in Detroit, Michigan, as of November 30, 1951, and concerning the subject's underground activities at that time.	(c)
(u) (c) Master Sergeant ALEXANDER GUSS, also known as Alexander Gussakoff, Army Serial Number RA 32442366, Special Warfare Center, U. S. Army, Ft. Bragg, N.C. Residence: 354 Castle Dr., Ft. Bragg, N.C.	This witness is a white male, 50 years of age, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of Sophia, Toyko, Japan, and has been a member of the United States Army for the past 15 years. Witness has no arrest record. He is available and willing to testify but has never testified in civil court proceedings. Witness was an active member of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party in New York City from about 1924 to 1939; was a Section Organizer and subsequently a Subdistrict Organizer in Western New York State; and was at one time during this period a member of the Communist Party Election Campaign in the State of Illinois.	4 (c) (u)
	This witness can testify that he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON from about 1924 to 1937; that he could not remember the exact dates due to the lapse of time, but knew the subject was an active member of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party from about 1924 to 1937; and	

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	that he attended many meetings of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party with the subject in New York City during this period.	
(U) Confidential Informant T-33 (C)	This witness is a married white male, was born January 14, 1908, at Greenside, England, and received derivative United States citizenship through the naturalization of his father on May 3, 1922. He has been employed as a coal miner since the age of 11 and is a member of the United Mine Workers of America labor union. Witness is a former member of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party. (U) Witness was arrested at Atlanta, Georgia, on March 9, 1930, on charges of attempting to incite an insurrection and circulating insurrectionary papers, which was later nol-prossed, and he was also arrested on October 15, 1931, by the Sheriff's Office, Steubenville, Ohio, and charged with auto theft. Witness stated that he would be reluctant to testify because of possible repercussions involving his family; however, if it were considered absolutely vital and essential for him to appear, he would do so. (C)	5
	This witness can testify that he (U) first met the subject at a Young Communist League meeting on the North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., in about 1928 - 1930; that the subject was very active at this time in the Young Communist League; and that the subject made speeches at meetings of the Young Communist League, exact subject matter discussed not recalled. (C)	

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(U) NICHOLAS CAMPAS, [redacted]	This witness, who is a white male, was born [redacted] at [redacted] of Greek parentage and resided in Greece between approximately 1925 and 1928. He has no military service, having been classified 4-F due to a chronic valvular heart disease. Witness is married and has a ninth grade education. Witness was employed between 1934 and 1936 as a busboy in New York City; had a similar occupation in 1936 at a small hotel in Vermont; was employed as a busboy in various Albany restaurants in 1936-1937; was a waiter in various Albany restaurants and hotels between 1937 and 1940; and held the same position in Troy, New York, establishments between 1940 and 1945. Since 1945 witness has been a business agent or business manager for Albany or Troy locals of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union and is currently Business Manager for Local 583 of this union at Troy. Witness was a member of the Young Communist League in New York City in 1935 - 1936, and in Albany during 1936 - 1937; was a member of the Communist Party in Albany and Troy between 1937 - 1948; and in 1948 was "led out of the Party" by two local Communist Party organizers because he refused to be publicly identified with the Wallace for President movement. Witness testified at public hearings of a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Albany, New York, in July, 1953; makes a creditable appearance; and is considered reliable. (U)	5

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	This witness can testify that he attended two or three National Food Fraction meetings during the latter 1930's in New York City which were composed of Communist Party members who were either members or officers of various restaurant and hotel unions, and the subject, who was an officer of Local 16, Waiters Union, New York City, attended at least one of these fraction meetings. The purpose of these fraction meetings was to coordinate the work of the Communist Party within the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union.	
(U) JACK DAVIS, 84-A Weis Road Albany, New York	This witness, who is a white male, was born November 26, 1907, at Hartford, Connecticut; is of Russian-Austrian descent; changed his name legally from ISADORE SAMUEL DAVIDSON in December, 1937; and attended public schools in Hartford. This witness has no military service and was classified 4-F on April 13, 1943. He was arrested on April 19, 1937, in Albany, New York, on a third degree assault charge arising out of a labor union situation. The complaint was later withdrawn. He was rearrested on a charge of attempted robbery, second degree, in April, 1937, and the indictment was dismissed in September, 1937. Witness explains these arrests grew out of an attempt to prevent him from running for union office during that period. Witness married SALLY ATTIAH at Kinderhook, New York, on April 6, 1937. The May 3, 1955, issue of the "Daily Worker" contains	5

an article captioned "Tragic Aftermath to Stoolie's Career" in which the suicide of Mrs. DAVIS is set forth. Witness has since remarried and has a 9-month-old son. Witness was a waiter at various Albany hotels and restaurants in 1935 - 1936; was Business Agent for Local 471, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, from 1936 - 1940; was an organizer for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America from 1941 through 1950; and returned to Albany as a waiter in 1950. He is currently again Business Agent for Local 471.

(U) Witness was a member of the Communist Party in Albany from 1936 to 1940, using the Party name JACK WILLIAMSON; was a Communist Party member in Syracuse, New York, from 1942 through 1944; in Rochester, New York, from 1944 - 1945, and in Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1946 through 1948. He broke with the Communist Party during 1948 because of disillusionment with its program. He was a rank and file member and held no important positions with the Communist Party. Witness has testified at public hearings held by a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Albany in July, 1953, and April, 1954; is considered reliable; and makes a presentable appearance. Witness is available and willing to testify.

This witness can testify that between 1936 and 1940 he attended National Food Fraction meetings of Communist Party members; that most

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	of the meetings were held in New York City; and that the subject, who was an officer in Local 16, Waiter's Union, New York City, attended some of these fraction meetings.	
(U) Mrs. MILDRED V. BLAUVELT, Former Operator #51, Special Squad No. 1, New York City Police Department	This witness, who is a white female, was born [redacted] at [redacted] of Swedish parentage. She was married to [redacted] at Brooklyn on July 30, 1949. Witness is presently employed as a detective for the New York City Police Department. She has furnished reliable information in the past and is willing to testify; however, arrangements as to her availability for such purposes must be cleared with the Commissioner of Police, New York City, in the form of a letter from the Department of Justice. As an operative for the police department witness first entered the Communist Party in 1943 and dropped out in the latter part of 1943 because she found herself under suspicion. She re-entered the Communist Party in Kings County and was expelled from the Communist Party in November, 1951, when the Communist Party ascertained she was a member of the New York City Police Department. She has no criminal record or labor union affiliations. She has been described by the New York City Police Department supervisors as having an agreeable personality and a neat appearance. Witness has considerable testifying experience, having testified on at least one	6

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occasion before the Subversive Activities Control Board, Federal Grand Jury, United States District Court, Immigration and Naturalization Service proceedings, and the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

This witness can testify that the subject became Vice President of the Brooklyn Communist Political Association in 1944; that he was Trade Union Director of the County Committee of the Brooklyn Communist Party in 1944; that she attended a meeting of the Flatbush Club of the Communist Party held at 248 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on April 18, 1944, at which the subject was introduced as Trade Union Director of Kings County; and that the subject, who was introduced as Assistant Labor Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Fort Greene Section of the Communist Party in Brooklyn on March 27, 1947.

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DAVID ELLERY RENSHAW, Jr., [redacted] This witness is a white male, 35 years old, who was born [redacted] at [redacted], and has completed approximately six years of college, but has received no degrees. This witness is married, has two children and is currently employed as a salesman-clerk for a professional organization in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is not known to have any criminal record. Witness has stated explicitly that he would not be willing to testify under any circumstances because public exposure either as a witness for

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or against the Government would immediately place his job in jeopardy in that his position necessitates dealing with the general public and businessmen in Pittsburgh. Witness is a self-admitted former member of the Young Communist League in Pittsburgh from early 1940 until he entered the United States Army about July, 1942. He served in the United States Army from July 16, 1942, to February 19, 1946, when he was honorably discharged, and was not a member of the Communist Party during this period. During his military service he was convicted by summary court-martial on November 5, 1945, for being disorderly in uniform in a public place and having another soldier's pass, for which he was sentenced to 30 days restriction and forfeiture of $30. Witness was again a member of the Communist Party at Pittsburgh from February, 1946, to November, 1948, and during this period attended numerous routine Communist Party club meetings and several Communist Party classes. In February, 1947, he was elected Educational Director of his Communist Party club, which is the only office held in the Communist Party by witness. (U)

This witness can testify that the subject was a member of the Communist Party and that he attended Communist Party meetings at Pittsburgh with the subject. This witness can also testify that he knew JAMES DOLSEN, "Daily Worker" correspondent, ANDREW ONDA, and the subject to be members of the (U)

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	Communist Party at Pittsburgh because they attended most of the Communist Party meetings and worked in a leadership capacity.	
(U) (C) FRED LEONARD GARDNER, 409 West Park, Butte, Montana	This witness, who is a white American male, was born July 13, 1906, at Galena, South Dakota. He resides at 409 West Park, Butte, Montana, and is employed by the Hod Carriers Union, AFL-CIO, at Butte. Witness completed seven years of elementary education. Witness' Erie, Pennsylvania, Police Department criminal record reflects one arrest in Erie as a suspicious Communist on November 24, 1939, which he denies, but states he has been arrested several times for picketing. Witness has never served in the military forces. Witness was divorced from his first wife on July 1, 1946, in New York City and presently maintains a common-law relationship with LEONIDA LUCIA GARDNER, nee BERGAMINI. There are three issues to this common-law marriage, all sons. Witness is a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, having joined the Communist Party in New York in 1935, and was expelled by isolation in Butte in June, 1955. Witness has furnished reliable information in the past but has indicated an unwillingness to testify.	7 (C) (U)
	This witness can testify that he believes the subject held the title of Communist Party Organizational Secretary for Western Pennsylvania (in approximately 1947 - 1950); that he	

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(U) attended Communist Party meetings with the subject at Erie, Pa., during the latter 1940's; that he knew the subject during this period as an open Communist Party functionary; that the subject would usually speak at these meetings on recruiting or fund raising, and at some meetings subject would try to teach some phase or theory of Marxism or make a talk on Marxist literature, and distribute Communist Party literature; that shortly after the arrest of the twelve Communist Party leaders in 1948, subject came to witness' home in Erie to hide out for a week because he expected to be arrested; and that when the subject left the witness' home it was considered safe and he resumed his open Communist Party activity by going back to the Communist Party office. Witness can testify that STEVE NELSON, Chairman of District 5, Communist Party, later expressed criticism of the subject for hiding out at the home of the witness.

(U) STEVE SCHEMANSKE, Detroit, Michigan — This witness is a white former member of the Communist Party who testified at the Detroit Smith Act trial. He is intelligent and a good witness who is willing to testify, however, witness received unfavorable publicity for denying knowledge of MILTON SANTWIRE, another Detroit Smith Act witness for the Government. The United States Attorney at Detroit, Michigan, declined to prosecute

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Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
(U)	witness for perjury stating that there were mitigating circumstances. This witness can testify that the subject attended a bazaar at the Jewish Cultural Center, Detroit, on November 16 through 18, 1951, sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Club for the benefit of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker."	
(U) Confidential Informant T-34	This witness is a current member of a subversive group who is furnishing information to the FBI. This witness can testify that the subject attended a bazaar at the Jewish Cultural Center, Detroit, Michigan, on November 17, 1951, which was sponsored by the Freedom of the Press Club for the benefit of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker."	7
(U) RICHARD HENRY LAWRY, c/o Lawry's Nursery Farm, Box 64, Rector, Pennsylvania	This witness, who is a white male, was born May 12, 1891, at Homestead, Pennsylvania, and currently resides and operates a nursery farm about one mile from Rector, Pennsylvania. Witness does not desire his identity concealed in Bureau reports but requested that he not be publicly disclosed and stated on December 19, 1956, that he would not testify under any circumstances at any court proceedings. Witness has an elementary education; had no military service; and since 1912 has held various jobs such as an agent for an insurance company, timekeeper for a steel company, worked at a building and supply company and became president, was active in West Homestead, Pa., politics from	8

approximately 1925 - 1935; was burgess of West Homestead in 1935; a census enumerator, and has been a not too successful operator of a nursery farm from 1948 to present. Between 1934 and 1937 witness was arrested twice for assault and battery, once on a hit and run charge and once for holding an outside meeting in violation of a city

(U) ordinance, but was never convicted on any of these charges. (c) Witness reportedly joined the Communist Party in 1932; was reportedly a member of the Communist Party in 1944; associated freely with Communist Party members during the 1930's and 1940's; and held a directorship in the International Workers Order and served as District President of the International Workers Order in Pittsburgh in the latter 1930's and early 1940's. Witness claims he was never a member of the Communist Party; that he is a Socialist; that he is against the so-called "free enterprise" system and believes the state should own all industry and natural resources and is very outspoken regarding this matter. When interviewed on December 19, 1956, witness stated

(U) that he personally likes the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants whom he has met and did not feel that they had done anything wrong. (c)

This witness can testify that between approximately 1947 and

(U) 1950 the subject, Secretary of District 5, Communist Party, made (c)

Witness	Information Witness Can Furnish or Produce	Page Number
	arrangements with him to furnish room and board accommodations for one week during the summer months for approximately 12 to 15 people at his farm house near Rector, Pennsylvania, so that they could hold meetings or classes there on his farm; that the	
(U)	principal person was from New York City and the others were from the Western Pennsylvania area; and that he received about $300 for accommodating these people. Witness can testify that ALBERTSON tried to pay him with a check drawn on the Communist Party which he refused to accept and that STEVE NELSON, Chairman of District 5, Communist Party, attended some of these meetings.	
(U) Confidential Informant T-35 (C)	This witness is a current source who is furnishing information to the FBI. (C)	8
(U)	This witness can testify that the subject attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the Michigan Civil Rights Congress on September 24, 1951, and took part in a discussion regarding the formation of a "Special Committee" around the fight of WILLIAM ALBERTSON and urged the support of "The Smith Act Campaign." (C)	

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VIII. APPENDIX - EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description, Location and Witness to Introduce	Page Number
37	Certified photostatic copy of an article pertaining to subject entitled "Albertson Thanks Contributors" in the September 23, 1951, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker." (To be obtained) Original located: To be introduced by:	2, 3
38	Certified photostatic copy of an article pertaining to subject entitled "Communist Tells Truman to Stop Genocidal Acts" in the December 16, 1951, issue of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker." (To be obtained) Original located: To be introduced by:	3
39	Certified photostatic copy of an article written by the subject entitled "Why Bait of Defense Jobs Fades for Auto Workers" in the December 31, 1951, issue of the "Daily Worker." (To be obtained)	3

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Exhibit Number	Description, Location and Witness to Introduce	Page Number
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40	Certified photostatic copy of an article written by the subject entitled "Auto Unemployment and United Auto Workers Parley, January 13 and 14, 1952" in the January 2, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker."	3, 4
	(To be obtained)	
	Original located:	
	To be introduced by:	

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU - Two photostatic copies each of Exhibits No. 37, 38, 39 and 40.

(These exhibits will be furnished the Bureau upon receipt at the Pittsburgh Office)

ENCLOSURES TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, PITTSBURGH, PA. - One photostatic copy each of Exhibits No. 37, 38, 39 and 40.

(These exhibits will be furnished the United States Attorney upon receipt at the Pittsburgh Office)

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: January 16, 1957

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940
(New York - Origin)

ReDetroit letter to Pittsburgh, 1-4-57, and supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, dated 1-11-57. b6 b7C

The Detroit Office furnished the Pittsburgh Office information in referenced Detroit letter regarding articles appearing in the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" and the "Daily Worker" written by or pertaining to the subject, for inclusion in a supplemental prosecutive summary report. These data were included in referenced prosecutive summary report; however, certified photostatic copies of these articles were not furnished by the Detroit Office to be submitted as enclosures with referenced report. These articles appear in the following issues of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" and the Daily Worker":

Date of Issue	Publication	Title of Article
9-23-51	"Michigan Edition - The Worker"	"Albertson Thanks Contributors"
12-16-51	"Michigan Edition - The Worker"	"Communist Tells Truman to Stop Genocidal Acts"
12-31-51	"Daily Worker"	"Why Bait of Defense Jobs Fades for Auto Workers"
1-2-52	"Daily Worker"	"Auto Unemployment and United Auto Workers Parley, January 13 and 14, 1952"

It is requested that the Detroit Office take the necessary steps to obtain four certified photostatic copies of each of the above-mentioned articles (entire publication not desired, only the full page or pages setting forth the complete article) and forward same to the Pittsburgh Office. Information should also be furnished as to where the original article is located and who can introduce the original article.

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If the above-mentioned articles cannot be obtained from a library or other appropriate source by Detroit, it is suggested that a letter setting forth complete identifying data for the above-mentioned publications be sent to the Washington Field Office with the request that they attempt to obtain said publications from the Library of Congress and submit them to the Pittsburgh Office.

It is requested that this matter be given expeditious attention by the Detroit Office so that said articles may be furnished to the Bureau and the U. S. Attorney.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: January 17, 1957

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT of 1940
OO: New York

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Rerep, SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON, Charlotte, 1/4/57.

Transmitted herewith for the information of the New York Office is one copy of rerep.

All copies of above report should be corrected on page 1 to reflect New York as office of origin.

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1 - Charlotte (100-6255)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was
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SM, 1940

The 2/4/57 issue of the "New York Times" page 16, carried an article which revealed that the CP had asked that an advisory opinion by the Attorney General of NY State be rejected, which was concerned with barring employee's of the CP from unemployment insurance. Article disclosed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON applied for unemployment insurance last July citing as a basis 6 weeks employment by the CP as an assistant labor organizer and 14 weeks in private industry. This application was turned down last summer, according to the article, by Industrial Commissioner ISADORE LUBIN.

Albany is requested to check with appropriate sources and furnish all pertinent information regarding this matter to the Bureau, Pittsburgh, and the NYO.

For the information of Albany, ALBERTSON is awaiting a re-trial under the Smith Act of 1940, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re PG airtel 2-7-57 requesting authority for the NY Office to interview [redacted] to determine his attitude toward testifying for the Government at the forthcoming PG Smith Act retrial regarding his knowledge of the CP activities of Albertson.

Authority granted for NY Office to conduct this interview. Suairtel results to Bureau and PG.

2 cc Pittsburgh (65-749) Hoover

Bufile 65-38100

cc 100-287472 [redacted]

YELLOW:

[redacted] was an active CP member from 1943 until March 1951. He was interviewed by PG on several occasions during 1953 and while cooperative, firmly indicated that he did not desire to testify for the Government because of the resulting publicity he would receive. His SI card was cancelled 6-22-55 and he presently resides in NYC.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

RE : WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
SMITH ACT OF 1940
(New York - Origin)

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Re report SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 9/2/53, captioned [redacted] was., Security Matter - C[redacted] (Bufile 100-287472) (New York file 100-121977), copy in possession of New York.

MATTHEW CVETIC reported subject present as an instructor at nine Communist Party educational classes in 1949 held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15; and March 1, 8 and 22. CVETIC also reported [redacted] present at all of said classes and this information set forth in rerep. Inasmuch as effort being made to supplant testimony of CVETIC in connection with these CP educational classes in forthcoming Pittsburgh Smith Act trial, and in the absence of information reflecting that [redacted] should not be interviewed, request Bureau authority be given New York to interview [redacted] to determine his attitude and cooperativeness. If found cooperative, obtain all information in his possession regarding ALBERTSON's CP membership and activities, and particularly the CP educational classes mentioned above. Also ascertain availability and willingness of [redacted] to testify regarding his knowledge of ALBERTSON.

If [redacted] furnishes any information regarding ALBERTSON's CP membership or activities, this data should be set forth in a supplemental prosecutive summary report, with a copy designated for the USA, Pittsburgh. If [redacted] is given a T-symbol for some reason, New York is requested to designate [redacted] as T-36, inasmuch as T-35 was the last symbol number used in the last supplemental prosecutive summary report on ALBERTSON for the Pittsburgh Smith Act case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: February 8, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-16560)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940
(New York - 00)

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Re Pittsburgh letter to Director dated January 16, 1957.

In accordance with the request contained in referenced letter, there are transmitted herewith four photostatic copies each of articles appearing in the September 23, 1951, and December 16, 1951, edition of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker", entitled "Albertson Thanks Contributors" and "Communist Tells Truman to Stop Genocidal Acts", respectively.

The original copies of the above-described editions of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker", from which the enclosed photostatic copies were made, are available in the files of the Detroit Office, and can be furnished to your office for use in the Subject's trial if necessary to support the introduction of the photostats. If this arrangement is not satisfactory, Pittsburgh is requested to obtain the desired certified photostatic copies from the Library of Congress through the Washington Field Office.

The Detroit Office is no longer in possession of complete copies of the December 31, 1951, and January 2, 1952, editions of the "Daily Worker" containing articles entitled "Why Bait of Defense Jobs Fades for Auto Workers" and "Auto Unemployment and United Auto Workers Parley, January 13 and 14, 1952", respectively. Accordingly, Washington Field is requested to obtain from the Library of Congress and forward to the Pittsburgh Office, four certified photostatic copies each of the above-described articles, together with information as to where the original articles are located and who can introduce them in evidence.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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SA OF 1940

Re Pittsburgh air-tel to the Bureau, 2/7/57, and Buairtel to NY, 2/12/57, regarding interview of GEORGE PETER NICHOLS.

Whereabouts of NICHOLS unknown to NYO since December, 1954 when he left residence and employment Smithtown, LI, NY. Logical leads unproductive to date in locating NICHOLS.

Pittsburgh is requested to conduct investigation in order to locate NICHOLS and, if deemed appropriate, to contact relatives of NICHOLS in Pittsburgh in order to learn present location of NICHOLS. Investigation continuing NY.

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(3) - Bureau (65-38100) (RM)
2 - Pittsburgh (65-749) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
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SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

February 15, 1957

Director, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C, SM of 1940

Re Detroit letter 2/8/57.

Pittsburgh is being furnished herewith one original and one Photostat each of the 12/31/51 and 1/2/52 editions of the "Daily Worker." The originals may be used for identification purposes only and the Photostats may, if necessary, be entered into evidence. The originals should be returned to the Bureau when no longer needed.

NYO disregard instruction in relet.

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IS - C, SA of 1940
OO: New York

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Department Attorney PETER J. DONAHUE, preparing for Pittsburgh Smith Act retrial, advised SA [redacted] on 2/13/57 that during course of pretrial interview with LLOYD ERNEST KINSEY (former CP member) at Buffalo, N. Y., on 2/6/57 the latter advised as follows.

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During the Summer of 1946 KINSEY attended a school for full time CP functionaries which was held in an office building, owned by the United Office and Professional Workers Union, located on the lower east side of New York City. This school was attended by approximately 30 students, all males, most of whom were reportedly from New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in charge of the school, passed out outlines of class schedules to students, and taught some of the classes, one of which pertained to trade unions. Other instructors at the school were WILLIAM WEINSTONE, JOHN WILLIAMSON, JACK STACHEL, JAMES JACKSON, BETTY GANNETT, SI GERSON, ROBERT THOMPSON.

New York is requested to check appropriate files to determine if any information is available to the New York Office with regard to the above school as furnished by former informants or security subjects who have been found cooperative upon interview. In the event individuals are located who can furnish information regarding this school, they should be interviewed for all information in their possession concerning ALBERTSON's connections with the school.

It is pointed out, however, that Bulet to Pittsburgh, 10/23/56, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, BRIEF; IS - C" advised that with the exception of current and discontinued informants and sources the Bureau desires to pass upon all contemplated interviews, and sufficient background data and justification for such interviews should accompany each request with regard to interviews of defected communists or former CP members who have been found cooperative.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940
OO: New York

Re PG airtel to Bureau, 2/7/57 and N.Y. airtel to Bureau, 2/15/57.

GEORGE P. NICHOLS located at [redacted]

During course of pretext interview with NICHOLS by SA [redacted] on 2/21/57, it was ascertained that NICHOLS has not been employed due to illness since May, 1956; that he is suffering from chronic lymphatic leukemia; and that according to NICHOLS, he is a very sick man.

Info contained in referenced PG airtel re possibility of NICHOLS being utilized as a witness against ALBERTSON in forthcoming PG Smith Act retrial and the info mentioned above regarding NICHOLS' health was discussed with Departmental Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] on 2/21/57. DAs advised that in view NICHOLS' health, it did not appear that NICHOLS would make satisfactory witness and that no further consideration should be given him as a potential witness in the PG Smith Act retrial.

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In view the above, NICHOLS will not be interviewed by Pittsburgh.

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(1 100-121977) [redacted] (RM)
3 - Pittsburgh (1 100-1161) [redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

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SMITH ACT OF 1940
(OO: New York)

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Re Pittsburgh air-tel to the Bure u, 2/19/47.

For information of Buffalo and Albany, re air-tel disclosed that Department Attorney [redacted] preparing for the Pittsburgh Smith Act Retrial advised SA [redacted] on 2/13/57, that during the course of pre-trial interview with LLOYD ERNEST KINSEY (former CP member) at Buffalo, NY, on 2/6/57, the latter advised as follows:

During the summer of 1946 KINSEY attended a school for full time CP functionaries which was held in an office building, owned by the United Office and Professional Workers Union, located on the lower east side of New York City. This school was attended by approximately 30 students, all males, most of whom were reportedly from New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in charge of the school, passed out outlines of class schedules to students, and taught some of the classes, one of which pertained to trade unions. Other instructors at the school were WILLIAM WEINSTONE, JOHN WILLIAMSON, JACK STACHEL, JAMES JACKSON, BETTY GANNETT, SI GERSON, ROBERT THOMPSON.

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Re air-tel requested NY to check appropriate files to determine if any information is available to the New York Office with regard to the above school as furnished by former informants or security subjects who have been found cooperative upon interview. In the event individuals are located who can furnish information regarding this school, they should be interviewed for all information in their possession concerning ALBERTSON's connections with the school.

3 - Bureau (65-38100) (RM)
2 - Albany (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
(1 - Albany 100-8598) [redacted]
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Re air-tel pointed out that Bureau letter to Pittsburgh dated 10/23/56, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, BRIEF; IS-C" advised that with the exception of current and discontinued informants and sources the Bureau desires to pass upon all contemplated interviews, and sufficient background data and justification for such interview should accompany each request with regard to interviews of defected Communists or former CP members who have been found cooperative.

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The files of the NYO were thoroughly searched for information regarding the Communist Party School held the summer of 1946 (actually 6/17/46) for CP functionaries on lower East Side, NYC. The following was the only information developed regarding this school:

(U) [redacted] (deceased) advised on 6/11/46 that WILLIAM WEINSTONE directed a communication to the following stating they were accepted for the 6/17/46 school:

LLOYD E. KINSEY	MARIO GUIDONI
[redacted]	
BILLY MASTRIONI	HOWARD EASLING
[redacted]	

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- Buffalo 100-336671

(U) On 5/2/46 confidential informant [redacted] advised that BERNARD CHESTER, former NY State CP Treasurer, stated to a Mrs. ANDERSON (ph) that the Education Dept. of the NY State CP was scheduling a school beginning 6/17/46, for four weeks, full time, on trade unionism. He said the Party wanted people interested in trade unionism such as shippers, stewards, etc., to attend this school.

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For the information of the Bureau, MARIO GUIDONI mentioned above, is presently an SI subject of the NYO.

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(1 - Buffalo 100-) (HOWARD EASLING)
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(1 - Pittsburgh 65-749 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
1 - NY 100-81710 [redacted] (20-13)
1 - NY 100-80633 (CP - USA Education)
1 - NY 100-113692 [redacted] (17-6)
1 - NY 100-81752 Sub 2 (COMPROS - PG)

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Will mail to Albany. See Washington file. Albany auths 7/24/57 CSP

The Albany Office is requested (U) to review file AL 100-8598 re [redacted] and determine whether this person should be interviewed in accordance with instructions set forth above.

The Buffalo Office is requested to identify [HOWARD EASLING] and determine whether he should be interviewed in accordance with instructions set forth above.

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Buffalo is also requested (U) to re-interview [LLOYD ERNEST KINSEY] and attempt to develop additional information regarding the CP school referred to above, in particular, ascertain the names of fellow students of KINSEY at above school.

Albany and Buffalo are requested to give expeditious attention to this matter and furnish the information developed to the Bureau, Pittsburgh and NYO.

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SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

March 5, 1957

Director, FBI (65-38100)

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Rourlet February 27, 1957, requesting advice as to who should be designated in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 11, 1957, at Pittsburgh, as the proper person to introduce the copies of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker" and the "Daily Worker" which were furnished to your office by the Bureau and the Detroit Office.

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Although the normal procedure is to list the librarian at the Library of Congress or his representative as the proper person to introduce copies of such publications, it has always been possible to introduce them through either expert or local witnesses at the trial. It is suggested, therefore, that rather than designate any specific individual to introduce these publications, you utilize the statement "To be designated in the future."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 2/27/57

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re Detroit letter to Bureau, 2/8/57 and Bulet to Pittsburgh, 2/15/57.

Referenced Detroit letter furnished the Pittsburgh Office with four photostat copies each of articles appearing in the 9/23/51 and 12/16/51 edition of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker," entitled "ALBERTSON Thanks Contributors" and "Communist tells Truman to Stop Genocidal Acts," respectively. The Detroit Office advised that the original copies of the above-described editions of the "Michigan Edition - The Worker," from which the photostats were made, are available in the files of the Detroit Office and can be furnished to Pittsburgh for use in the subject's trial, if necessary to support the introduction of the photostats.

Referenced Bulet furnished the Pittsburgh Office with one original and one photostat of the 12/31/51 and 1/2/52 editions of the "Daily Worker," which contain articles written by the subject entitled, "Auto Unemployment and UAW Parley, January 13 - 14," (page 5, columns 2-4, 12/31/51) and "Why Bait of Defense Jobs Fades for Auto Workers," (page 8, columns 1-5, 1/2/52).

All four of the above-mentioned articles were utilized in the supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 1/11/57. b6 b7C

In previous prosecutive summary reports on the subject, articles such as mentioned above have been obtained from such places as the Library of Congress and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, in which cases, the original article was located at the library concerned and the person who could introduce the certified photostat copies of the article was listed as the librarian or his duly authorized representative. In previous Pittsburgh reports there has never been a photostat copy of the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker" articles made from

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the original maintained in the files of a field office or the files of the Bureau.

Inasmuch as in the past the Bureau has indicated that they did not desire that Bureau employees be utilized in the Smith Act cases as witnesses to introduce such articles and if these particular photostat copies of the above-mentioned articles are to be furnished to the United States Attorney, Bureau advice is requested as to who should be designated in the report of 1/11/57 as the person who can introduce the photostat copy of the above-mentioned articles.

Bureau advise is also requested as to whether it should be indicated that the original article is located in the files of the Detroit Office and the Bureau.

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Re supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA [redacted], Pittsburgh, 12/14/51, captioned "WILLIAM ALBERTSON; IS - C, SMITH ACT OF 1940," three copies of which were furnished to Detroit. b6 b7C

(U) Said report lists [redacted] former [redacted] as T-9 and gets out information which can be furnished by [redacted] on pages (U) 9, 12, 13, and 22. b6 b7C b7D

(U) On 3/4/57 Department Attorney [redacted] preparing for Pittsburgh Smith Act retrial, advised SA [redacted] that he desired to review the written (or oral) reports of [redacted] which contained (U) the information attributed to her on pages 12 and 13 of rerep. b6 b7C b7D

Detroit is requested to furnish Pittsburgh with two photostatic copies of the reports of [redacted] containing information (U) desired by DA LALLY.

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SMITH ACT OF 1940

There is attached hereto for your information, an Auto-Stat of a letter dated January 29, 1957, from New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz to New York State Industrial Commissioner Isador Lubin. This letter sets forth the reasons why unemployment insurance contributions should not be received, pursuant to the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law, from the Communist Party of New York State or from the Communist Party of the United States. The letter also sets forth the reasons why, in the opinion of Mr. Lefkowitz, employment by the Communist Party of New York State or the Communist Party of the United States should not be credited as a basis for determining unemployment insurance benefits in New York State.

The decision of Mr. Lefkowitz in this matter was prompted by the efforts of William Albertson to collect New York State unemployment insurance based upon his former employment by the Communist Party of New York State. Albertson, as you know, is awaiting retrial under the Smith Act of 1940 in the United States District Court at Pittsburgh.

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FROM: SAC, Albany (100-12954)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was.
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(00 - New York)

Reference New York airtel to Bureau 2/4/57, and New York airtel to Bureau 2/25/57.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau, Pittsburgh and New York is an Autostat of a letter from New York Attorney General LOUIS J. LEFKOWITZ to ISADOR LUBIN, Industrial Commissioner, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany 1, New York. This letter sets forth the reasons why unemployment insurance contributions should not be received pursuant to the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law from the Communist Party of New York State or the Communist Party of the United States. The letter also sets forth the reasons why in the opinion of LEFKOWITZ employment by the Communist Party of New York State or the Communist Party of the United States should not be credited as a basis for determining unemployment insurance benefits in New York State.

(U) This letter was furnished to SA [redacted] on 2/12/57 by [redacted] The original is being retained by the Albany Office and is being made an exhibit in Albany file 100-12954.

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Referenced New York airtel to the Bureau 2/25/57 (S) (U) suggests that Albany review its file on [WILLIAM MASTRIANI] to determine whether this individual should be interviewed in connection with subject case. In this connection, it is noted that [MASTRIANI has] been interviewed on more than one occasion (S) (U)

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by agents of the Albany Office and each time refused to furnish any information to this office. It is further noted that during the week of 2/11/57, [redacted] b3 in connection with a perjury case against LEO JANDREAU. At this time MASTRIANI (c)(u) took the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer any questions.

(U) In view of the above, it is not deemed advisable to interview MASTRIANI (c) at this time regarding WILLIAM ALBERTSON.RUC

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Re NYO airtel 2/25/57.

LLOYD ERNEST KINSEY, (c)(u) mentioned in referenced airtel was interviewed on 3/7/57 and advised that he could furnish no further pertinent information concerning his attendance at a CP School held at the Tom Mooney Hall, New York City from 6/17 to 7/15/46 other than what he had furnished to Departmental Attorney PETER DONAHUE, on 2/6/57. KINSEY also advised that he was the only CP member from Buffalo, N. Y. to attend this school and the only other students he could recall were MARIO GUIDONI.

KINSEY presently is employed as an automobile salesman for the Catalano Motors, RFD, Angola, N. Y. and continues to reside at Eden - Evans Center Rd., RFD, Angola, N. Y. KINSEY also advised that for past week, he has been under a doctor's care for a high blood pressure condition.

With respect to NEHEMIAH HOWARD EASLING, he was born [redacted] at [redacted] EASLING was married on 8/7/36 at Hornby, N.Y. to [redacted] He served in New York National Guard from 4/9/36 to 4/20/37 receiving an honorable discharge and he had no known service in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II.

EASLING presently resides at [redacted] and has not been employed since about March, 1953, due to a serious

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back injury sustained while working on a construction job. (C) (U)

EASLING on 3/16/44, paid a $2.00 fine in Corning, N.Y., for a parking ticket violation. On 12/23/49, he was arrested in Lackawanna, N.Y., for violation of New York State traffic laws, false registration charge and was allowed to plead guilty to a lesser charge of using improper license plates and was fined $25. EASLING was also arrested by the Lackawanna, N.Y. Police Department on 8/21/50 for circulating peace petitions, but the charges were dropped. (C) (U)

EASLING in 1944 was an enrolled member of the Communist Party in the Corning, N.Y., area. In 1945, was President and Educational Director of the CP in Corning, N.Y. Attended a CP School, Binghamton, N.Y., from 4/23/44 to 4/30/44. In 1945, EASLING was President of Corning, N.Y., branch
(U) of CP, Corning, N.Y. EASLING received 572 votes for election to the New York CP State Committee at an election held by the New York State CP Convention on 8/12/45, New York City. EASLING attended numerous CP meetings during 1944-50. EASLING also attended CP classes in 1948 at Buffalo, N.Y. (C)

EASLING in 1948; 1950 and 1953, was listed as a subscriber to "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist publication. (C) (U)

EASLING, when filing application for employment at Westinghouse Electric Corp., Cheektowaga, N.Y., in 1947, answered in negative to question, as to whether or not he was a member of the CP. EASLING, was also employed at the Bethlehem Steel Company under the name of LACEY BRANNON. (U) (C)

(U) EASLING's name and address was found on a slip of paper in possession of NATE ZEPPETELLO, in October, 1955. (C)

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ZEPPETELLO, at that time was identified as chairman of the CP of Onondaga County, N.Y.

EASLING's name and address was included on a card maintained at office of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Civil Rights Congress as of 2/15/56.

The Pittsburgh, Pa. Civil Rights Congress is an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress, which has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) On 7/27/56, ROBERT (BOB) and RUTH JOHNSTON, [redacted] received a letter bearing a return address of "EASLING, [redacted] JOHNSTON has been identified in 1956 as a CP member in the Binghamton, New York area.

(U) In view of the above information concerning EASLING and inasmuch as files of Buffalo Office contains no pertinent information that EASLING attended the CP School held in New York City from 6/17/46 to 7/15/46, no recommendation is being made for interview of EASLING.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 3/15/57

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

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Rerep SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 1/11/57, and Bureau letters to Pittsburgh dated 2/15/57 and 3/5/57.

Rerep listed 4 exhibits, namely numbers 37, 38, 39 and 40, which were not immediately available at the time said report was submitted to the Bureau, and it was set forth in the Appendix-Exhibit Section of the report "to be obtained."

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Transmitted herewith are two photostat copies each of the above-mentioned exhibits.

The U. S. Attorney at Pittsburgh has also been furnished with one photostat copy each of exhibits 37, 38, 39 and 40.

In compliance with Bureau letter dated February 15, 1957, and since photostat copies of the pertinent articles appearing in the December 31, 1951 and January 2, 1952 issues of the "Daily Worker" have been made, the original copy of these two issues of the "Daily Worker" is being returned to the Bureau as an enclosure to this letter.

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RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Exhibit #37.

Two (2) photostat copies of an article on page 8, columns 2-3, of the "Michigan Edition-The Worker," dated September 23, 1951, entitled, "ALBERTSON Thanks Contributors"

Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 1/11/57

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Shooting Terrorizes Negro-White Area

DETROIT.—On Friday night, Nov. 30, a large black car swept through the area between LaSalle and 12 Sts. and sprayed houses with volleys of shots. According to reports there were several such forays taking place over a period of several hours.

Several people narrowly escaped death. Windows were smashed in by the bullets. What is significant is that there was no one special group of people being made targets but an entire area.

The police say that they have no clues as to who are the murderous assailants, and the intent was murderous because any of these bullets that came crashing through the windows could have killed the occupants.

What is strange is that the large black car was obviously in the neighborhood for some time as there are reports that shots were fired and then there is a space of several hours and shots were reported again. When the description undoubtedly was flashed out over the police teletype that such a car was prowling the community, why was not a cordon of police thrown around the area and then the police cordons moved into the center to trap the assailants?

The underlying truth is this neighborhood is an inter-racial neighborhood where Negro and white citizens have lived and are living together, a splendid example of an inter-racial community.

The shooting took place in the heart of this community. What is obvious is that murderous bigots, undoubtedly members of the Ku Klux Klan, were in that car, fired the shots and made a getaway.

Is that the reason that nothing has been done to apprehend the gunmen who roar through residential areas in big cars, firing shots at any and all homes? Who is covering up for whom is what this paper would like to ask the police department.

CITY COUNCIL FORCED TO BACK DOWN ON RENT HIKE

DETROIT.—The City Council has voted for a 20 percent increase on city-owned housing projects, thus reversing a previous stand. But on Dec. 6, because of the broadest united front demand, the Council voted to reconsider its action and halted the increase to veterans' temporary housing projects owned by the city.

Under the leadership of the Detroit Public Housing Tenants Council, unions, merchants, tenants unified their ranks and poured the heat on a jittery council which reversed itself while the veterans looked on.

Reuther Protests to McGrath On Terror Killings of Negroes

DETROIT.—Auto union President Walter Reuther sent the following telegram to United States Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

"The killing of Samuel Shepherd and the shooting of Walter Irvin by Sheriff Willis McCall of Florida, the knifing of John Lester Mitchell by special deputy sheriff David Lanclos in Louisiana, and the killing at sea of crewman William Harvey by Captain Franklin B. Weaver clearly indicates an intensification of terroristic aggression against Negroes by officers charged with the upholding and enforcement of the law.

"Shepherd, Irvin and Harvey were handcuffed and in custody at the time they were shot . . . Meanwhile no action against these slayers has been taken by any constituted authority within the United States. The United Automobile Workers, CIO, calls upon you to proceed immediately with the arrest, indictment and trial of McCall, Lanclos and Weaver on charges of murder. Failure to take such action subverts all of our lofty professions of democratic principles. The hour is late. Action now is imperative."

Issue Petitions For Big 5 Peace Accord

DETROIT.—Petitions appealing for a five-power peace accord have been issued by the Michigan Peace Council. A special committee has been set up to press the signature drive in each congressional district. The state goal is 100,000. Copies of the petition can be obtained at the Council office, 1310 Broadway, Detroit.

Communists Tell Truman to Stop 'Genocidal' Acts

DETROIT—The Michigan Communist Party on the tenth anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor called upon President Truman to order the Justice Department to find the perpetrators of the bombing of Negro and Jewish homes only a few miles from where Truman spent his vacation in Florida.

William Albertson, now facing trial on a charge of violating the Smith Act, in the letter to Truman stated "Failure on your part to act in this crisis only means that you as President of these United States of America condone such genocidal acts."

The letter said further that all indications are that such attacks against the Negro people and Jewish people are not only the acts of a so-called "lunatic fringe." Such acts have the participation of government officials such as police, sheriffs, etc., and/or at the least condoned by them.

"There seems to be enough American money to build armies, tanks, guns, weapons of destruction against other peoples in the immediate future.

"There seem to be enough FBI agents and other federal government agents spending millions and valuable time looking for 'reds' under every person's bed in this country. Where are the FBI agents in Miami, Fla.? Should they not be busy seeking out, arresting and prosecuting those who perform acts of violence against the Negro and Jewish people such as happened in Florida."

The CP letter to Truman urged him to

1. Cancel his vacation in Florida with the statement that he will not remain in a state where such genocidal practices take place.

2. Order the Department of Justice to find the perpetrators of the bombings and prosecute them to the full limits of the law.

3. Call upon Congress to pass an anti-lynch law which calls for the death penalty for lynchers and for the perpetrators of any violent acts against the persons of Negro people anyplace in the U. S.

Speedup at Buick

FLINT.—An example of the speedup imposed by General Motors five year contract is seen in Buick Plant 06. Committeeman Ray Bugbee filed a grievance charging management had speeded up the assembly line, adding three jobs a day to the schedule while constantly reducing the working force.

HIGHLAND PARK TAKES LEAD IN DRIVE TO BUILD 'WORKER'

DETROIT.—Highland Park has set its goal in The Michigan Worker circulation drive and aims to increase its home delivery bundle 50 percent and get 35 new subscribers. A Freedom of the Press Club is to be organized there.

This is a concrete way to get into The Michigan Worker's circulation campaign of 500 subscribers and 500 new home delivery customers. The deadline for the circulation drive is Feb. 9, the Sixth Anniversary of The Michigan Worker.

We want to hear such progress reports from Freedom of the Press Clubs in places like Dearborn, Midtown, East Side, Flint, Grand Rapids, Twelfth St. What are your goals and how many new Freedom of the Press Clubs are you going to build?

From another Freedom of the Press Club we get a suggestion on the sub and home delivery circulation drive which we pass on to all our readers.

It is: Why not give a gift of a one-year sub to The Michigan Worker? Or because of the mass unemployment in Michigan, ask us to deliver by home delivery route a paper each week to someone, for which you will pay our delivery people. So give a sub for Xmas and New Year!

Get a sub to The Michigan Worker and get set for '52.

AUTOTOWN ALLEY
by THE OLD-TIMER

PROGRESS: Consternation in the Reuther camp when Chrysler Local 7 demanded government jobs for the unemployed or threatened the local would demand reopening of the contract to talk about 30-hour week with 40 hours pay.

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"HUMAN": The Ford Motor Co. laid off a worker who has given 30 years of his life. But how they laid him off is a story. They wanted to avoid paying him his vacation pay. The eligibility date for vacation pay is Dec. 1. The company retired this worker on Nov. 30, just one day prior to the eligibility date. Ford made over $200,000,000 last year, according to the union, but cheated this worker out of vacation pay.

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VICTORY: Mayor Parker of Ecorse, crawled back into his hole last week when the United Public Workers Union (Ind.) banged hard at him for firing five Negro workers for "electioneering" in the recent election. Parker ran on a "lily-white" ticket. The City Commission of Ecorse, faced with the angry protest of the UPW leaders, wouldn't support the mayor. The Civil Service Commission said there was no violation. Significantly Parker, the white supremacist, fired no white workers. The five Negro workers were reinstated in their jobs.

CALL HIM, Nate Shapero, head of the Cunningham Drug Stores, should get letters and delegations about his stores selling the Un-American Confederate flag reproduced on scarfs. This sponsoring of the Negro-hating labor-baiting, witchhunting Dixiecrat emblem by one who says he is a "liberal" should get you who read this, busy telephoning Shapero, at Woodward 3-7760 or going to see him with a delegation to Cunningham's main office at 1927 12 St., Detroit.

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MEMBER Sam Perrone, the gangster now facing conspiracy charges to bust unions, was pegged by his lawyer in court the other day as having been a member of the American Federation of Labor "for 30 years." Frank Martel AFL local chief, could not be reached for comment.

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RIVAL Frank Martel, AFL prexy, is blistering AFL building trades heads for getting out a rival newspaper to the AFL Labor News. Also worrying him is the rumor that come early 1952 when the elections take place for President of the Federation here, Farley Allen, secretary of the Building Trades Council, is being urged to run against Martel. As it stacks now Allen has more than enough votes to beat Martel Hoffa, Teamsters union boss loves that.

Ann Ganley's Friends Raise Funds To Fight Gov't Deportation Order

DETROIT.—Friends of Ann Ganley held a luncheon recently at which $55 was collected for the fight against her deportation. It was agreed that all present would ask their friends to contribute some monthly sum toward defense of Smith and McCarran Act victims.

Ann Ganley spoke, and Helen Winter told about her husband, Carl, a Smith Act victim, is serving a five year prison term.

Resolutions were passed and wired to President Truman and Attorney General McGrath protesting the deportation drive against progressive non-citizens.

Ann Ganley, long a leader in progresive activities, last week received her official order of deportation from the U. S. Commissioner of Immigration ruling in favor of local immigration authorities. Now her case will go before the Board of Appeals in Washington.

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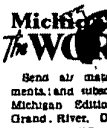
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Ford Local Leaders, 160-1, Vote To Fight Dr. DuBois Frameup

DETROIT—One hundred and sixty shop leaders, together with the top officials of Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, voted full support to Dr W E B DuBois and his co-workers of the late Peace Information Center who are charged with alleged violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act

The shop leaders are the delegates to the Ford local General Council and are elected by the 65 000 workers in the giant Rouge plant

They acted in support of a report and proposals brought in by the local's FEPC Director, James Watts an appointee of local union President Carl Stellato The report was made in view of the fact that the frameup trial of Dr DuBois and his associates will begin on Oct 2 in Washington, D C

Only one ACTUer voting against the motion to demand the dropping of the charges. The council decided to let the government agencies from President Truman down to their own Congressmen know that Ford workers are demanding a hands off Dr DuBois, one of America's outstanding figures

The report of FEPC Director Watts told of the background of the frameup, of how the Peace Center served the country by making available to citizens, news of peace activity throughout the world, including documents like the International Red Cross statement, and the World Peace Appeal against the employment of atomic warfare.

"This service performed by the PIC must be judged," said Watts, "against the studious silence maintained by the American press and radio on significant worldwide efforts for peace."

The FEPC Director's report declared

• No issue of our time has greater import than the question of peace. No other issue so manifestly embraces the fate of our nation—and all other nations Concern with peace is the property and obligation of citizens of every land, to be informed about peace is the right of all Americans, to speak for peace is an unalienable and historic privilege and the indictment of the Peace Information Center and its officers is a challenge to these rights and privileges

• The shameful conduct of the arraignment of Dr DuBois must be related to his 50 years of devotion to the struggles of the Negro and colonial peoples for freedom and equality.

• The attempt to brand peace as "alien" to our nation is a denial of the universality of the question and an effort to intimidate all Americans who would speak in its behalf.

The report then gave an authentic history of Dr DuBois life and contributions to the fight for liberation, peace and democracy and listed also the comments of many prominent figures who denounced the frameup of Dr DuBois. Included in the list was the statement of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, of which UAW President Walter Reuther is a vice-president Reuther has said nothing on the DuBois frameup

The report ended with a resolution that this General Council of Local 600 go on record as affirming its faith in this great American, in his integrity and loyalty to the principles and ideals of his country and express appreciation for his courageous leadership in the struggle for the full emancipation of his people and the realization of total democracy for all men

The only vote opposing this came from a notorious redbaiter and hard-bitten clerical fascist, John Fitzpatrick, who later was challenged to a debate by Dave Moore, vice-president of Gear and Axle Bldg. Fitzpatrick is a mouthpiece for the fink Association of Catholic Trade Unionists

To Organize CRC Drive on Smith Act

DETROIT—Plans for a statewide, all-out campaign for a rehearing on the Smith Act will be put into action at a special enlarged Executive Board meeting of the Civil Rights Congress Monday, Sept 24 The meeting will be held at 1442 Griswold at 8 p m.

The tentative plans, which call for mass meetings, a $10,000 Defense Fund, plant gate leaflet distributions, street corner meetings, etc., will be considered at the meeting. All CRC members and other civil rights defenders are urged to attend

Arthur McPhaul, executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, also announced that the removal hearing in the case of William Albertson, latest Michigan Smith Act victim, will take place in Judge Theodore Levin's federal court on Wednesday, Oct. 3 Albertson is expected to be arraigned in federal court in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Friday, Oct. 5.

Albertson Thanks Contributors

Urges Participation in CRC Campaign

DETROIT—"I have been trying to determine how I could best express my personal thanks to the 200 Michigan anti-fascists who loaned their hard-earned dollars to the Michigan Civil Rights Bail Fund so I could be released from prison," William Albertson, executive secretary of the Communist Party of Michigan, said here.

"Under other circumstances I would try to visit each personally over a period of time. But, although I am out on bail, and according to our Bill of Rights I am supposed to be free and considered innocent till proved guilty, nevertheless, I am under 'house arrest and in 'protective custody' by the FBI twenty-four hours a day Therefore, I must avail myself of the opportunity given me by The Michigan Worker to express, through its pages, my most heartfelt thanks for your efforts and self-sacrifice

"You have made it possible for me to participate, at least until my trial, in the struggle for peace, for safeguarding our Constitution and its Bill of Rights, against developing fascism, for the liberation of the Negro people, and against the attacks on the economic standards of the working class Even during the trial, I am certain that my co-defendants and myself will be involved in this struggle And, therefore, your financial sacrifice will not have been in vain.

"But my arrest and pending trial is only one small part of the arrests under the Smith Act taking place throughout the country These arrests can be halted A rehearing by the U S Supreme Court can be won on its anti-democratic and fascist decision of June 4 in the case of the eleven national Communist leaders can be won The decision can be reversed The Smith Act can be repealed!

"What is needed is a growing mass outcry of protest and action directed toward those who commit these atrocities against the Bill of Rights. What is needed is an aroused united people of all classes, of all color, of all creeds, of all nationalities, demanding an end to the destruction of our hard won civil liberties.

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"The officers of the Civil Rights Congress have just announced the launching of a campaign for a rehearing by the Supreme Court of its June 4 decision in the case of the eleven national Communist leaders, for repeal of the Smith Act, for a fighting fund of $10,000 for legal expenses of the victims of the growing American police state and for all such activities necessary to mobilize the people of Michigan in this great peoples battle and for additional loans of $35,000 to augment and replenish the Michigan Civil Rights Bail Fund to guarantee the release of any additinal victims of the Smith or McCarran Acts or of any other anti-democratic charges

"I urge your participation in every form possible in this campaign

"I think you will help I know you will We can still save our country from taking the Hitler path of fascism and war War and fascism are not inevitable Peace, freedom democracy, and security are inevitable if we, the people undertake the task to make it so."

AUTOTOWN ALLEY

In the OLD-TIMER

THE WINNER: Betting here is hot that Walter Reuther ain't going to be pushed aside on being CIO president Murray's successor His fellow officers, Emil Mazey, Richard Gosser and Jack Livingstone, of course, are drooling for him to take it so that one of the three of them will move up All the CIO brass meet here Oct. 2 to pick the "winner."

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XED OUT: Big factional struggle, of all places, frothing in the top brass of the Ford Motor Co. Ernest Breech who heads up the General Motors immigrants who came to Ford, is pressing, rumor has it, for the sending of ex-FBI John Bugas, another company vice-president to Washington or anywhere else so long as he gets out of Breech's hair. Bugas' "dog-house" days reportedly began when he allowed the strike against speedup more than a year ago. Also he is not considered too bright in negotiations

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FREEDOM: The Ford Hospital has changed its policy of putting race tags on new-born infants State Senator Charles Diggs led the fight on this. But the Ford hospital still segregates its Negro patients as Henry Ford heads up the phony "Freedom Crusade"

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SCAB PRODUCT: The trade union movement union label committees ought to visit the five and ten cent stores and look for the union label on the 29-cent shirts four for $1, made in occupied Japan and being sold here This slave labor product is just another example of how Wall Street and Dug-Out Doug MacArthur maintain free enterprise in Japan.

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PIN THEM: How to recognize a Trotskyite these days If some one gets up in a union meeting and says, you can't take action, push for strike votes, demonstrations or organize against layoffs, because "times ain't normal," then you probably have yourself a termite in the union hall. Stick a pin on it and peg it Trotskyite—the times ain't normal line is their new helping hand to hard-pressed Walter Reuther.

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LUMPS: Want to hear a redbaiter at Ford Local 600 get his lumps in a debate? Well, be at Ford Local auditorium Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Tool and Die membership meeting and hear Dave Moore, vice-president of the Axle building give Fitzpatrick a lesson. Moore challenged Fitzpatrick to debate when Fitzpatrick attacked Dr DuBois with a redbaiting, white supremacist pack of lies and slanders

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FBI FALS: Scratch the surface of a redbaiter and you're likely to find most anything. A slate of witch-hunting officers were elected in a frenzy of redbaiting in Nash Local 1021 back in 1949. First thing they did was to maneuver the firing by the company of a number of progressives. The redbaiters worked openly with the FBI in engineering the purge of progressives.

Now in Los Angeles comes Local 1031 petitioning for exoneration of per capita to the Los Angeles CIO Council. Reason: the red-baiting officers skipped out with the union's treasury, leaving among other owing bills per capita due both the CIO Council and UAW International Union The union's bonding company is after the FBI's erstwhile pals and they will be prosecuted if and when they are caught.

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COBO'S BOYS: Detroit cops are pulling down all the election posters of the Rev. Charles A. Hill they can get their hands on while of course leaving up those posters of the present incumbent lily-white council members. Detroit cops know what it would mean on the heels of police brutality if a man like Rev. Hill was sitting in City Hall. So the word is out tear down all his stuff. Maybe there's an ordinance against posters, but it's only enforced against Hill.

EXCELLO ON STRIKE

DETROIT.—The 3,500 members of the United Auto Workers shut down the three ExCello plants here Sept. 12 when the company refused to end the wage-dividing "merit" rates and bucked at 18 proposed changes in the union contract.

The negotiations have dragged out since July and strike action was postponed by Emil Mazey, UAW secretary-treasurer, who seems to be putting out fires for Walter Reuther all over these days Mazey told the workers that things were so close to a settlement that they wouldn't have to strike. Eighteen changes in the contract rejected and continuation of "merit" spreads that pay workers different rates for the same work, made Mazey out a bad "guesser."

Ed Crawford Dies

The Michigan Worker's editorial, advertising and circulation departments extend condolences to the family of Ed Crawford, 68, who died Tuesday, Sept 11 in the Providence Hospital Brother Crawford a pioneer member of Ford Local 600 was hit by an automobile a week before his untimely death and lay in a coma until he died

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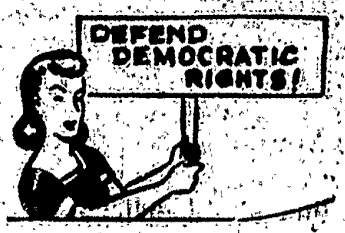
The unfolding war economy, with its industrial conversion to war production, is intensifying the basic causes that create unemployment under capitalism, and is therefore having disastrous effects on the auto workers, especially in Detroit and throughout Michigan. One hundred and fifty thousand auto workers in Detroit, and a total of 200,000 in Michigan, are already laid off, especially affecting Ford, General Motors and Chrysler shops. Ford River Rouge is down to 35,000 from 67,000. In Flint 12,000 were laid off, Briggs, 12,000; Dodge is down to 19,000 out of 35,000.

Further layoffs are anticipated continuously during 1952. Henry Ford II stated there would be a complete shutdown of whole plants if auto production is curtailed to 4,000,000 cars in 1952, compared to a 1951 output of 6,800,000.

Negro workers have been hit first and hardest in these layoffs. Women and young workers, as well as old workers eligible for pensions, are affected in addition. Auto workers, employed or unemployed, have learned from experience that the five-year contract offers no protection; that the bosses use the four cents annual improvement and rate cutting. The movement for a 28½ cents wage increase originating in the Tool and Die Building at the Rouge, and now embracing workers in 38 tool and die shops. (Finally, after a mass meeting, these workers won the formal support of the International.) The development of the Flint UAW "Bread and Butter Committee" to fight layoffs. The projected 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Sit-Down Strike in Flint, patterned after the Ford Anniversary Celebration with its rally of 60,000 auto workers.

The walkout of 9,000 workers in the Windsor Ford Plant with the seizure of the power plant (after the company fired 26 workers). The delivery of 30,000 post cards to Walter Reuther from Ford workers, urging that the International support the campaign for the 30-hour work week with 40 hours' pay.

The development of an FEPC



2. 30 hour work week with 40 hour pay.

3. Six dollars a week unemployment compensation during the entire period of layoff.

4. FEPC at local, state and national levels, and the reopening of all contracts for inclusion of the Model FEPC Clause.

5. Improve or smash the five-year contract.

6. Labor unity.

These developments, it is necessary to emphasize, cut across existing factional and political alignments within the UAW. They reveal the great resentment and desire for struggle existing among the workers against the "rooking" they are getting while the "big boys" find war so profitable. They are indicative of the broad movements of resistance to the effects of the war economy, which resistance, although not yet boldly proclaiming on its banners "Peace, Not War," is undoubtedly moving in that direction.

The recently issued program of the UAW Committee for Democratic Action contains a section on "peace" (after previous omissions), including a demand for unity of the big five countries for peace, because that reflects the moods of ever-growing numbers of workers in the shops.

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Why Bait of 'Defense' Jobs Fades for Auto Workers

By WILLIAM ALBERTSON
(Concluding Article)

Stopping layoffs is not just a matter of regulating how much scarce material goes to war work, and how much to civilian industry.

The market for civilian goods, automobiles included, is being destroyed primarily by the factors leading to an inevitable cyclical economic crisis. 1950 saw 8,000,000 cars produced; 1951 saw 6,800,000; and 1952 is expected to see some 4,000,000 cars. Why is this so?

The main reason is that the production of cars has run ahead of the ability of the workers and the people generally to buy this car production.

This is the nature of capitalist economy. It is production not for use but solely for profits.

The war [illegible] effect of w[illegible]uction intensifies this b[illegible]ause of capitalist crisis. [illegible] increases production [illegible] and lowers living standards by the increasing tax burden on the "little" people, the rising prices of all commodities, the terrific speed-up causing layoffs, the growing unemployment in many industries, especially in auto, the wage freeze, trade restrictions which deliberately prohibit the sale of cars, motors, tractors, trucks, and other commodities to such countries as China, the Soviet Union, the countries of Eastern Europe, etc.

WHERE ARE BUYERS

With all of this, try to figure out how workers can afford to buy cars without substantial wage increases. Do not all these factors make it impossible for cars to find buyers? Hence, the drop in auto production. This means layoffs. And the diversion of metal to war production is not the basic cause for the layoffs, but merely adds to them.

The decline in the auto market will throw auto workers out of jobs, faster than they can be absorbed by war production during the long "conversion" period. And with the speedup in war plants also, many workers will not be absorbed by war production, making for permanent unemployment. [illegible] in war orders have already placed in Michigan and yet thousands of additional workers get layoff slips. Why?

Conversion to war production requires a long re-tooling period.

TOOL BACK LOG

Along comes Reuther and proposes that the government "accelerate placement of contracts and subcontracts for the building of machine tools in auto, truck, agricultural implement and other civilian metal working industries and the integration of defense work in civilian plants to assure that the unused productive capacity in civilian plants is fully used for defense production."

This explains why the Big Three auto [illegible] for war [illegible] ment expansion [illegible] ent facilities [illegible] curtailed [illegible] production [illegible] ist viewpoint, is the only course in a situation of no major war, no all-out war production yet, in a civilian [illegible] war work economy [illegible] already clear, however, cannot have war work in feature of the economy is booming and no civilian production. This crisis is bound to tear down the entire economy, because the government cannot finance 60 billions a year in war work with mass unemployment among civilian goods workers. Also, an all-out war and war economy can temporarily postpone the cyclical economic crisis, but it would later break out even in a more devastating way when increased production clashes with still sharper cuts in living standards

WHAT AFTER CONVERSION?

From the standpoint of the Wall Street monopolists, it is impossible to embark on a gigantic war production program without all-out war.

[illegible] ed cannot [illegible] (i.e., used up in battle, [illegible] replenished). Or else, [illegible] words of John L. Lewis at the Ford Anniversary Rally, "We'll be all dressed up with no place to go."

In other words, war production brings neither peace nor prosperity! This is the disastrous [illegible] which Reuther is attempting to lead a million auto workers.

Let us ask Mr. Reuther: Are you for a big war such as you wrote of in that special "Let's atombomb and invade Russia" issue of Collier's Magazine? If so, then we will have a full scale war economy. For a temporary period there will be jobs for all, both inside and outside of the armed forces. Mainly war goods will be rushed off all production lines, into battle, used up, etc.

And the cost of such a war is so tremendous, that even workers employed in war plants will face a "1929-1933" standard of living, while bosses' profits continue to rise. The bosses want war production not only to make war, but also because the bottom is beginning to fall out of civilian production.

Even the "Detroit News", in an editorial on Oct. 10, 1951, stated, "overarming can lead the nation down the road to World War III. . . ."

The nation, the editorial declared, will either be "beggared by the costs of military upkeep, and the starving of the supply to its civilian economy will promote depression and political demoralization, or, to ward off these evils we will take the road to war even as Hitler did . . . Our plight is not greater than that of other countries which in times past have met it only by having to make this same fateful choice."

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W[illegible] NOT TRY PEACE?

This is not the future that auto workers want.

If 67 billion dollars can be spent in one year for war preparations, that same 67 billion can be used to build a new home for every American and still have enough left over for schools, playgrounds, hospitals. If money is available for armaments, then it also exists for a huge program of public works to protect auto and other workers during layoffs. If China, USSR, Poland, etc., want to buy cars, trucks, tractors, etc., let us sell it to them so that three million additional jobs can be created in this country.

Which is it, Mr. Reuther, "maintain present civilian production schedules" which you claim will halt layoffs, or cut civilian production schedules by diverting tool and die makers away from 1952 change-over work to work on machine tools for war work, which you also claim will halt layoffs.

Besides, you know very well that the militarist government planners of war production are unwilling to throw their eggs into one basket. New machine tools, capable of producing war materials, [illegible] obsolete [illegible] covered [illegible]

Therefore, [illegible] a situation where there is no all-out war, the economy is being prepared for all-out war: i.e., machine tools readied, scarce materials stockpiled, new plants built, while old ones reduce the production of civilian goods for a declining market, methods worked out for drawing purchasing power of the people to finance the cost of war preparations, repressive anti-labor legislation passed to intimidate workers, curtailment of civil liberties, etc.

WAR NOT INEVITABLE

Auto workers know that war is not inevitable. They believe that it is possible for the Big Five to get together to settle differences through negotiation: to work out a program of disarmament, elimination of the atom bomb, an immediate armistice in Korea and the withdrawal of all non-Korean trops. In short, peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union and all other countries.

Try as he may, Reuther will not succeed in organizing a smooth, one-way war conference. Though tightly controlled, as all Reuther-organized conferences are, and despite the long speeches by government officials and other "friends" of labor, the progressives throughout the country will undoubtedly place before the conference the real path—the road to peace and a return to a peacetime economy. Try as he may, Reuther will not succeed in preventing the concrete demands of struggle which have emerged from the mass movement from [illegible] from receiving consideration at the conference: wage increases, 30-hour week with 40 hours pay, $60 unemployment compensation during the entire period of layoffs, a public works program for laid-off workers, FEPC with teeth in all contracts and at all levels of government, reopening of the five year contracts, labor unity.

Nor will Reuther be able to prevent the conference from considering such demands as advanced by the National Negro Labor Council for 100,000 jobs for Negro workers and a one million signature drive for a real Presidential FEPC Executive Order.

Already, workers in auto shops throughout the country are circulating petitions, nonfactional cutting across political lines, indicating their support to a program of struggle around all, some or one of these issues.

Considerable talk is developing in the shops and among the unemployed auto workers of organizing a cavalcade of busloads of unemployed auto workers, men and women, to converge on Washington at the same time the conference leaders will be in session, for the purpose of lobbying the opening of Congress for higher wages, $60 compensation, 30-hour week, lower taxes, price controls, curbing grafters and war profiteers, a real peace policy, etc.

VITO MARCANTONIO, State chairman of the American Labor Party, has sent the following telegram to President Truman:

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Tonight

"The murder of Harry T. Moore, Florida Co-Ordinator for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the serious wounding of his wife, and the bombing of his home require your personal intervention. This is latest of overt acts in criminal conspiracy to deprive Negro people of their constitutional rights in the State of Florida. Conduct of local and state authorities shows them to be wilfull participants in this conspiracy. I urge that you order your Federal authorities to move in to (1) protect life, liberty and property of Negro people in Florida, (2) bring about apprehension and conviction of guilty, and (3) prosecute and punish state and local authorities guilty of conspiracy to deprive Americans of their constitutional rights. You have power to act. Regard for life, liberty, property and right[illegible] of Ameri[illegible] respect for the opinion of pe[illegible] ld require immediate act[illegible]

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Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau dated 3/4/57, and Detroit letter to Pittsburgh dated 2/25/57, entitled, "[redacted], [redacted] - C and [redacted] Act of 1940."

In accordance with the request contained in reference Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, there are transmitted herewith to Pittsburgh, two substantive copies of a report of former [redacted] which was received on December 7, 1956. This report contains information regarding the "policies to be followed by Communist Party members when questioned regarding subversion", referred to on page 13 of summary report of SA [redacted] dated December 14, 1951, at Pittsburgh, entitled, "[redacted], [redacted] - C, [redacted] Act of 1940." b7D

(U) A review of the report file of former [redacted] (CE) reflects that information was also furnished by this informant regarding, "security measures for party operations", also listed in report of SA [redacted] referred to above. Copies of reports containing this information were forwarded to Pittsburgh as enclosures of reference Detroit letter to Pittsburgh dated February 25, 1957.

(U) Information concerning the remaining subject matters listed in the summary report appearing on pages 12 and 13 of SA [redacted]'s report was furnished by an available informant [redacted] as set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated April 24, 1951, at Detroit, entitled, "[redacted], [redacted] - C, [redacted] Act of 1940." b6 b7C b7D

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 5, 1957, furnishing an Autostat of an opinion by the New York State Attorney General that employment by the Communist Party of New York State or the Communist Party of the United States should not be credited as a basis for determining unemployment insurance benefits in New York State. This decision was prompted by the efforts of William Albertson to collect New York State Unemployment Insurance based upon his former employment by the Communist Party of New York State.

The March 20, 1957, issue of the "Daily Worker" carried an article indicating that a hearing concerning Albertson's right to unemployment compensation will open on March 25, 1957, before a referee of the Unemployment Insurance Division of the New York State Department of Labor. The article reflects that both the national and state organizations of the Communist Party are involved and that both have indicated that they intend to fight the matter through administrative proceedings and in the courts.

Albertson, as you know, is awaiting retrial under the Smith Act of 1940 in United States District Court at Pittsburgh.

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Hearing Monday on CP Employe's Jobless Pay

Nationally significant hearings on the right of a Communist Party employe to unemployment insurance will open next Monday morning before a referee of the Unemployment Insurance Division of the State Department of Labor. The hearings will be before Philip Wexner, on the eighth floor of 500 Eighth Ave.

The case, the first of its kind, revolves around the right of William Albertson, former assistant labor secretary of the Communist Party national organization, to unemployment compensation.

Albertson is contesting the decision of State Labor Commissioner Isador Lubin that ex-employes of the Party are not entitled to compensation. Lubiin's decision was based on a legal opinion handed down Jan. 29 by State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz.

Lefkowitz contended that the party's "unemployment insurance should not be received" and that "employment by the Communist Party of the United States . . . should not be credited as a basis for determining unemployment insurance benefits."

Albertson is represented by the New York Civil Liberties Union, which has assigned Stephen C. Vladeck, as counsel.

Both the national and state organizations of the Communist Party are involved. Both have indicated that they intend to fight the matter through administrative proceedings and in the courts and bring the issue to the labor and civil liberties movements.

The Communist Party has retained John J. Abt of 320 Broadway, as its counsel in the matter.

In a telegram to Lubin Feb. 3, the New York party, through its then legislative chairman, Simon W. Gerson, termed the Lefkowitz opinion "peanut McCarthyism."

"To discriminate against jobless workers because of their political views or the political complexion of their employer is vicious public policy and unconstitutional as well as unlawful," Gerson added.

The telegram pointed out that "the Communist Party has paid thousands of dollars in unemployment insurance taxes and under the law its empolyes have the same vested rights enjoyed by employes of any other organization."

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CHARLOTTE	NEW YORK	MAR 29 1957	3/27/57

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

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SYNOPSIS:

On 3/27/57, Master Sgt. ALEXANDER GUSS, Fort Bragg, N. C., reinterviewed and stated ALBERTSON was a member of different branch of YCL and CP at same time GUSS was member of YCL and CP. Definitely remembers ALBERTSON was a member of District 2, NYC, and took active participation in YCL and CP work. GUSS unable to recall specific information and details regarding dates, meetings, etc. Stated he recalls specifically one YCL meeting and one YCL conference, both at CP Headquarters, NYC, in late twenties attended by ALBERTSON. Willing to testify.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted as a result of information received from Pittsburgh on March 19, 1957, which advised in effect that on March 18, 1957, Department Attorney [redacted] requested that Master Sergeant ALEXANDER GUSS, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, be reinterviewed in connection with his knowledge of WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

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On March 27, 1957, Master Sergeant ALEXANDER GUSS, Army Serial Number RA 32442366, Special Warfare Center, residence address 354 Castle Drive, Fort Bragg, was interviewed regarding WILLIAM ALBERTSON by SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON.

Sergeant GUSS stated he does not recall any schools or educational classes held at the Young Communist League (YCL) or Communist Party meetings which he and WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended, but recalls that there were YCL and Communist Party meetings held at the Communist Party Headquarters on 14th Street, New York City, which were in part educational, but the meetings were not held primarily for schools of instruction. He stated he recalls ALBERTSON was present at some of these meetings but he could not recall the names of the instructors or any of the other members who attended these meetings. He stated he does not remember specifically any detailed studies or instructions concerning Marxism-Leninism. He stated as he recalls, there were no books or pamphlets utilized at any of the meetings.

Sergeant GUSS stated the YCL meetings in which he and ALBERTSON attended were supervised by members of the Communist Party and he recalls one meeting held in the late 1920's at the Communist Party Headquarters which he and ALBERTSON attended and this meeting was supervised by JACK STACHEL and possibly SAM DONCHIN, also known as SAM DON, who were both members of the Communist Party who were supervising YCL activities. He stated the agenda of these YCL meetings were membership drives, YCL activity in shops and factories, finances, and support of the YCL newspaper. He stated the meetings were held weekly at the Communist Party Headquarters at 14th Street, New York City. GUSS advised that he was a member of a different branch than ALBERTSON but frequently several branches would hold a joint meeting and at these joint meetings he would see ALBERTSON in attendance.

Sergeant GUSS advised that YCL conferences were held at the Communist Party Headquarters on 14th Street, New York City, and he and ALBERTSON were in attendance at these conferences together. He stated to the best of his recollection, these conferences were held in the later 1920's, but he does not recall who was present. He said the agenda of these conferences were usually the general problems of the YCL.

Sergeant GUSS stated he does not know when WILLIAM ALBERTSON became a member of the District 2 Committee of the Young Communist League, but he knows that ALBERTSON was a member of the YCL District 2. He stated he does not know what ALBERTSON's duties were and did not know the names of any of the other committee members.

Sergeant GUSS stated he does not recall if ALBERTSON delivered any speeches at YCL or Communist Party meetings. He stated he does not know if ALBERTSON ever attempted to recruit new members in the YCL or Communist Party.

GUSS stated he does not recall ever having seen ALBERTSON's YCL or Communist Party membership card. He stated normally the membership cards of the other members are never seen by anyone except when a member paid his dues to the financial secretary who stamped the card. He said the YCL and Communist Party members in the twenties and early thirties were warned not to carry their membership cards on their person. GUSS stated he does not recall any positions ALBERTSON held in the YCL or Communist Party.

He advised he does not remember specifically the type of trade union work ALBERTSON performed in YCL and Communist Party but recalls that ALBERTSON was in trade union work as a YCL and Communist Party member. He stated he has no knowledge that ALBERTSON worked in the hotel and restaurant workers' union.

GUSS stated that ALBERTSON was simultaneously a member of the YCL and Communist Party for a short time in the 1920's. He said he did not know specifically the exact length of time.

He stated he does not remember any specific statements made by ALBERTSON or incidents in which ALBERTSON was involved which would tend to show his belief in Marxist-Leninist principles or his adherence to the Communist Party.

GUSS stated he does not recall any Communist Party meetings attended by ALBERTSON and himself at which time any of the following national leaders were present or delivered addresses: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EARL BROWDER, EUGENE DENNIS, HENRY WINSTON, JOHN GATES, STEVE NELSON, GIL GREEN, or JAMES FORD.

Sergeant GUSS stated he is willing to testify against WILLIAM ALBERTSON in behalf of the United States Government any time at any place.

Sergeant GUSS stated due to the lapse of time he is unable to recall specifically the details concerning ALBERTSON's work in the YCL and Communist Party but he stated he definitely knows that ALBERTSON was a very active member of the YCL and Communist Party in New York City from about 1924 to about 1937, and he attended meetings in which ALBERTSON was present and took a very active part.

The Communist Party, USA, and Young Communist League have both been designated by the Attorney General of the United States Pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NY 1727-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BERNARD ADES, a Certified Public Accountant, who has done work for the CP, contacted WILLIAM ALBERTSON at NY State CP headquarters and advised him that the state investigator had been to his office and he had exhibited to him the check book stubs, a disbursement register and a payroll book. ADES said the investigator had voiced the personal opinion that ALBERTSON ought to get the money.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS:

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides Apartment 23, 430 West 119th Street, NY, NY, and is employed as Labor Secretary of New York State Communist Party. ALBERTSON reportedly resigned from National Civil Liberties and Defense Commission of CP, USA, by letter dated 12/5/56. Informants report ALBERTSON in attendance at New York State CP Convention held NYC 1/25-27/57, and that he was elected Chairman of afternoon session on 1/27/57. Informant reported ALBERTSON attended 16th National Convention of CP, USA, held 2/9-12/57 as a delegate from New York State; also that he was Chairman of session held afternoon of 2/12/57. ALBERTSON reportedly attended New York State CP Committee meeting 3/23/57 and Reconvened NY State CP Convention 3/30,31/57. Newspaper articles, as well as

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informants, disclose ALBERTSON elected member at large of NY State Committee of the CP. Subject reportedly appointed to a Sub Committee of the NY State Committee of the CP, the purpose of which is to bring an end to factionalism. Subject's remarks regarding a United Socialist Movement set forth. ALBERTSON'S activities regarding Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee and Emergency Civil Liberties Committee set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On May 10, 1957, Mr. FRANK FULLER, Superintendent, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that WILLIAM ALBERTSON continues to reside in Apartment 23 at above address. b6 b7C

B. Employment

The "Daily Worker", March 26, 1957, issue, page 1, column 3, contains an article, the contents of which disclose WILLIAM ALBERTSON was employed, as of above date, as Labor Secretary of the New York State CP.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

C. Attempts to Obtain Unemployment Benefits

The "New York Times", February 4, 1957, issue, page 16, column 6, carried an article entitled, "Reds Press Appeal For Job Insurance." This article reads as follows:

"The Communist party asked the state's Democratic administration yesterday to reject an advisory opinion by Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, a Republican, barring employes of the Communist party from unemployment insurance.

"George E. Rundquist, director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, confirmed that his organization had taken up the issue, and had assigned its counsel, Stephen C. Vladeck, to represent William Albertson.

"Albertson applied last July for unemployment insurance He cited as a basis six weeks' employment by the Communist party as an assistant labor organizer and fourteen weeks' work in private industry, according to Simon W. Gerson, legislative representative of the New York State Communist party.

"Albertson is awaiting a new Federal trial on Smith Act charges of conspiring to teach and advocate forcible overthrow of the Government.

"His insurance bid was turned down last summer, although Industrial Commissioner Isador Lubin asked at the same time for an opinion from the Attorney General's office.

"Mr. Lefkowitz said last Thursday the courts and legislative bodies had repeatedly held that the Communist party was a "conspiracy" against the Federal and State

governments. Its employes, his advisory opinion added, should not be permitted to 'enjoy the advantages and benefits of this public insurance program.'"

The following cited issues of the "Daily Worker" carry accounts of WILLIAM ALBERTSON'S attempts to obtain unemployment benefits:

February 4, 1957, issue, page 3, column 1

February 16, 1957, issue, page 3

March 22, 1957, issue, page 3, column 4

March 25, 1957, issue, page 3, column 2

March 26, 1957, issue, page 1, column 3

March 27, 1957, issue, page 5, column 1

D. Denial of Automobile Driver's License

The "New York Post", a New York daily newspaper, March 6, 1957, issue, page 45, carried an editorial entitled, "Of Crime and Punishment." This editorial revealed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, described as Labor Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), was denied a driver's license by New York State Motor Vehicle Commissioner JOSEPH P. KELLY. The editorial further revealed that " a spokesman for the Bureau" explained that KELLY acted in the knowledge that ALBERTSON has been indicted under the Smith Act.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A. Resignation from National Civil Liberties and Defense Commission

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available on January 14, 1957, a letter dated December 5, 1956, from WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, which was maintained at CP National Headquarters, 101 West 16th Street, New York, New York. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Si:

(U) "If and when the National Civil Liberties and Defense Commission meets, will you please inform its members of my resignation from membership on that Commission, and my desire that they accept it.

"I do not care to be a member of a body which neither meets nor functions, especially when there is good reason for doing both. On a number of occasions I have requested of both you and Pat that meetings be called. There was agreement, but no execution. And there has been no meeting now for about five months.

"I believe the Commission should have met to consider a number of questions, among which are:

"1. What contributions our Commission had to offer to the strengthening of the Draft Resolution as to the struggle for civil liberties and the defense of our Party.

"2. The U.S. Supreme Court and the Smith Act; an evaluation of our work leading to the Supreme Court arguments in October; an evaluation of the three days of arguments; the attitudes of the respective Justices; the type and character of campaign needed to help develop a better climate which might influence the outcome of the California, Lightfoot and Scales cases; the utilization of the Pittsburgh decision in the fight against political informers, etc.

"3. Review of the last New York trial.

(U) "4. Puerto Rico.

"5. Jim's resignation as secretary of the Commission.

"I have no reason to doubt that you are extremely busy doing valuable work in the field of civil liberties and Party defense. But the Commission is not contributing to your labors both as to making policy and helping to execute it.

"That is not the fault of the Commission.

"As you know, I was always ready to carry my share of the load, but there has to be a load to share. And the ones to determine what the load is are the Commission members. That is my understanding of collective work and leadership.

"Anytime you want to call on me to do some specific thing, I will be glad to do what the limit of my capabilities permits.

"Best regards,
Wm. Albertson

"Copy to N.B. which appointed me to the Commission."

It is to be noted that T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 30, 1956, that SI GERSON is Chairman of the National Defense Committee of the CP, USA.

B. New York State CP Convention, January 25-27, 1957

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 6, 1957, that the New York State CP Convention was held on January 25-27, 1957, at Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York, New York. The informant reported that the 5th session of this Convention was held on January 27, 1957, Sunday afternoon, and that BILL ALBERTSON was elected Chairman of this session. Informant reported that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the CP, USA, was the principal speaker at this session of the Convention. Informant advised FOSTER stated, during the course of his speech, that no other Party could get together such a fine body of fighting workers as we have in this hall today. We should try to understand what we have done here, laid the basis for unity. "Don't smear all over our difficulties. We want to solve them as Communists should because the only real unity is on the basis of a common ideology. I am happy over this Convention, and I am sure all the rest of us are."

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 11, 1957, that the January 27, 1957, meeting of the New York State CP Convention was held at Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York, New York. Informant reported that BILL ALBERTSON was elected by majority of vote to be Chairman of the afternoon session on January 27, 1957.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 28, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman in the afternoon of the

January 27, 1957, session of the New York State CP Convention.

C. 16th National Convention,
CP, USA,
February 9-12, 1957

T-2 advised on February 9-15, 1957, that the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, was held at Chateau Gardens on East Houston Street, New York, New York, from February 9-12, 1957. Informant reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended this Convention as a delegate from New York. Informant advised that ALBERTSON attended at least some of the sessions of the National Convention.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the CP, USA, as adopted at the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, as set forth in "Political Affairs", March 1957, issue, page 30, reads in part as follows:

"The Communist Party basis its theory generally on the scientific, humanist, and democratic heritage of mankind and particularly on the principles of scientific socialism as developed by Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, and V. I. Lenin. These universally valid principles the Communist Party of the USA interprets, applies, and strives to develop further in accordance with the requirements of the American class struggle, democratic traditions and customs."

T-2 advised on February 18, 1957, that in the use of the word "interpret" in the Preamble of the new Constitution, the CP has not departed from accepted Communist theory, action and understanding. WILLIAM Z. FOSTER has stated that, while he fought for use of another word or phrase, the word "interpret" is not of great significance providing that the essence of Marxism - Leninism is contained in the principles of the Party.

Concerning the election of the 20 members at large to the National Committee of the CP, USA, which took place at the Monday, February 11, 1957, session, T-2 advised that the election was not a spontaneous one and did not take place through the use of democratic processes. In this regard, the informant reported there were three caucuses in the New York State District. One of these groups was identified by the informant as the "middle group" and WILLIAM ALBERTSON as one of the leaders of this group.

T-2 also reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman of the afternoon meeting of the February 12, 1957, session of the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA.

T-3, on March 6, 1957, also reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman of the afternoon meeting of the February 12, 1957, session of the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA.

T-6, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, identified a photograph of an unknown individual as that of a person who was at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City, on February 9, 1957.

On March 14, 1957, T-2 advised that above described photograph was that of WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

T-7, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, identified a photograph of an unknown individual as that of a person who was at Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City, on February 10, 1957.

On February 17, 1957, JOHN LAUTNER, a CP member for over 20 years, who at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January 1950, was Chairman of the New York State Review Commission, advised that above described photograph was that of WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 12, 1957, of substantially the same information that appears above regarding ALBERTSON being Chairman of the afternoon session of the February 12, 1957, meeting of the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA.

D. New York State CP Committee Meeting, March 23, 1957

T-5 advised on April 1, 1957, that an enlarged meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held at a building located on 41st Street in New York City on March 23, 1957. This meeting was called for the purpose of further planning for the reconvened session of the New York State CP Convention scheduled for March 30, 31, 1957. Informant reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON made the suggestion at this meeting that election of officers at the Convention be scheduled earlier in the Convention because "people tended to leave toward the end of a Convention."

On March 23, 1957, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, at 10:07 A.M. where the New York State CP Committee meeting was being held.

E. Reconvened New York State CP Convention, March 30,31, 1957

T-5 advised on April 1, 1957, that the Reconvened New York State CP Convention was held at Yugoslav Hall in New York City on March 30 and 31,1957. Informant reported that the Convention convened at approximately 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 30, 1957. BILL ALBERTSON chaired the morning session. Informant reported that GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, member of the New York State CP Committee, gave the main address at this session. CHARNEY stressed the point that all Party members must have mass ties.

Informant stated that at the Sunday, March 31, 1957, session of the State Convention, the delegates convened after the supper break for the purpose of electing officers. Informant advised that BILL ALBERTSON was nominated as a member at large of the State Committee. Informant was not in a position to determine the outcome of the voting.

On March 30, 1957, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, at 9:28 A.M.

On March 31, 1957, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall at 9:31 A.M.

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 5, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the Reconvened New York State CP Convention held on March 30, 31, 1957, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

T-4 advised on April 15, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at the March 30, 1957, session of the Reconvened New York State CP Convention.

F. State Committee Member

T-3 advised on April 4, 1957, that a meeting of the New York County Committee of the CP was held on the evening of April 3, 1957, at Academy Hall, New York City. Informant stated that at this meeting SAM BARON, a member of the New York County CP Committee, announced the names of the individuals elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, and to the New York State CP Committee. BARON announced that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was elected to the New York State CP Committee.

Informant advised that the term of those elected to the new CP State and National Committees was for two years, and that new Committee members would be elected at the next National and State Conventions tentatively scheduled in 1959.

Information appearing above concerning ALBERTSON being elected to the New York State CP Committee, was corroborated by T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 1, 1957.

The "New York Times", a daily New York City newspaper, April 3, 1957, issue carried an article captioned, "State Communists Elect Committees." This article revealed that the Communist Party announced on April 2, 1957, that its State Convention, recently concluded, had elected 11 National Committee and 16 State Committee members. This article disclosed that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was elected a member at large of the State Committee.

The "Daily Worker", April 3, 1957, issue, page 2, column 4, carried an article captioned, "State CP Reports on Its Convention." This article reveals that at the recent New York State CP Convention (March 30,31,1957) WILLIAM ALBERTSON was elected as member at large of the new State Committee of the New York State CP.

G. Member of Subcommittee to Defeat Factionalism

T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 9, 1957, that on that date a meeting of the Kings County Committee of the CP, USA, District 2, took place at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York. Informant advised that a speaker, who identified himself as WILLIAM ALBERTSON, spoke at this affair, and advised that he had been selected as one of a committee of four members by the acting State Committee to work with the leadership in all county organizations for the purpose of eliminating factional situations and to unify the membership.

T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 10, 1957, that he learned from WILLIAM WEINSTONE, member of the New York State Committee of the CP, that on April 8, 1957, the 15 members of the New York State CP Committee, thus far elected, met and discussed a critical situation in the Brooklyn CP. At this meeting, CHARLES LOMAN reported that there is so much friction between the "right and left groups" in Brooklyn that a demand was madethat two county conventions, instead of one, be held. By reason of this situation, a subcommittee consisting of SI GERSON, described by informant as being of the "right group", WILLIAM PATTERSON, described by informant as being of the "center group," BILL ALBERTSON, described by informant as being of the "center group," and GEORGE WATT, described by informant as being of the "center group", was appointed to investigate the factional problem not only in Brooklyn, but also in the other counties in New York City. The purpose of this committee also will be to establish unity in the county organizations. (U)

T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available on May 8, 1957, a three-page mimeographed memorandum, dated May 3, 1957, addressed to all County and Section Conventions; to all Party members. This memorandum was signed "State Committee, New York State Communist Party." The memorandum cited the various issues and current happenings in which the CP should be engaged and stated that to play our role two things are required. First is success in the current financial and building campaigns of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." Second is the immediate cessation of factionalism and the liquidation forthwith of all factional groupings. The need for unity was stressed and the existence of separate groups which usurp for themselves the making of Party policy in caucus because they view matters of policy and leadership from narrow factional interests was severely criticized. This memorandum also stated as follows:

"We call upon the county and section conventions to elect leaderships dedicated to the execution of the decisions of the national convention, most capable of involving our Party in mass work, refreshed with new rank and file forces devoted to the Party, and representatives of different trends. The State Committee has set up a commission composed of William Albertson, Si Gerson, William L. Patterson and George Watt to work with and assist the county committees and county conventions to realize the maximum unity...Members of the State Committee who participated in caucuses in the past have pledged that they will not participate in meetings of factions or caucuses. We urge all those with whom we have been associated in factions until now to end all factional meetings. We oppose unconditionally the continuance of caucuses and factions as a violation of our new Party Constitution."

H. Subject's Remarks Concerning the United Socialist Movement

T-14, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 13, 1957, that he recently was engaged in conversation with WILLIAM ALBERTSON, member of the New York State Committee of the CP, USA. In response to the question as to whether the CP leadership was afraid that the United May Day meeting and the CP activity in regards to a United Socialist Movement might endanger the existence of the Communist Party, WILLIAM ALBERTSON said no, we are not afraid of this at all. Take for example the May Day meeting. The meeting hall was filled with our people and, although the organizers were from other groups, our Party played the most important part in it because we supplied the people. WILLIAM ALBERTSON also stated that, as far as a United Socialist Movement in America is concerned, "We are not afraid that we might be swallowed up by different Socialist minded groups."

ALBERTSON explained that all the different Socialist groups are small, scattered and have a "loose leadership." Our Party even today is still the strongest and the most disciplined socialist force in America. ALBERTSON related that during the process of united political actions we will be the gainers because it will be easy for us to control the united front actions - we have a disciplined force behind us and we have the experience while the other groups lack discipline and experience.

Informant reported further that ALBERTSON stated that the fact that KHRUSHCHEV proposed unity between Socialists and Communists shows that "unity of action" between Socialists and Communists does not endanger the Communist movement; "If it would, KHRUSHCHEV would not have proposed it."

ALBERTSON related that the "tension that existed until recently" in the New York State Committee of the CP has almost disappeared. The State Committee leadership is really trying hard to work out a unity platform and is concentrating on doing some real work.

According to informant, ALBERTSON further disclosed that he is a full time paid functionary of the CP.

I. On New York State CP Payroll

T-15, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on December 10, 1956, which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was included on the payroll of the New York State CP for the week ending December 7, 1956.

T-15 furnished information on January 7, 1957, which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listed on the New York State CP payroll for the year beginning 1957.

T-5 advised on March 11, 1957, that the New York State Committee of the CP held a meeting on March 9, 1957, at the Jefferson School building in New York City Informant related that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman of this meeting. Informant stated that a report was read at this meeting to the effect that the National Committee of the CP, USA, had passed a unity resolution stating that factionalism must cease and a united fight must be continued to build a unity party. Informant described ALBERTSON as a "middle of the roader" and one who is seeking to get factions together "so that they can organize the Party and function as a Party."

T-17, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information on April 19, 1957, reflecting that BILL of 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, directed a communication to MERLE BRODSKY, a CP functionary in the East Bay Region of California, dated April 15, 1957.

In this communication, according to the informant, BILL advised as follows:

"We have gone through some real internal struggles here. Our State Convention, in a certain sense, reflected the National: - a rejection of the two extremes, the emergence of the center, and a slight majority for the moderate right. Now come the County Conventions. This should all be over by the middle of May in time for people to go away for the summer. Maybe we'll start mass work soon, maybe.

"I was elected to the State Committee. I am the unanimous choice - all groups for State Labor Secretary."

T-15 furnished information on February 4, 1957, which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the payroll of the CP, USA, District 2 (New York State CP) for the week ending February 1, 1957, and received a salary of $54.55 for that week.

T-15 furnished information on March 18, 1957, which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, was on the payroll of the New York State CP for the week ending March 15, 1957. ALBERTSON'S weekly net wages was reflected as $54.55.

T-15 furnished information on April 8, 1957, which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the New York State CP payroll for the week ending April 5, 1957, and that he had a gross weekly wage of $60.00 and a net weekly wage of $54.55.

J. Other CP Activities

T-10 advised on November 2, 1956, that he learned from GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY on that date that a meeting of the Industrial Board of the CP, USA, District 2, took place two weeks previous to above date. CHARNEY advised that at this meeting WILLIAM ALBERTSON was mentioned as being third in line as leader of the Industrial Division of CP,USA, District 2.

T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 10, 1956, that FRED FINE, member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, was engaged on above date,in a conversation concerning leadership to be elected at the forthcoming Convention of the CP. During the course of this discussion, FRED FINE stated that people like BILL ALBERTSON do not deserve to be district leaders.

T-15 made available on January 7, 1957, documents maintained at New York State CP Headquarters, 101 West 16th Street, New York City, New York, which were concerned with "Convention arrangements." One such document made available by informant disclosed WILLIAM ALBERTSON was to be on the Resolutions Committee at the Convention.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee (PSASDC)

T-14 advised on October 2, 1956, that a meeting of the Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee was held on September 24, 1956, at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. Informant reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting regarding the Pittsburgh Smith Act case which was at that time before the United States Supreme Court. According to the informant, ALBERTSON stated that the reactionary forces in this country keep attacking the Supreme Court on account of a few favorable decisions for civil rights and civil liberties. ALBERTSON further remarked that "some of our friends" came to a conclusion that at present it is up to us to organize a strong defense of the Supreme Court; to make it feel that the people welcome the Supreme Court's prosecutive decisions.

T-14 advised on October 25, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the PSASDC held on October 15, 1956, at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. Informant reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman of this meeting, and that he spoke about the Supreme Court decision which remanded the Pittsburgh Smith Act case to the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a new trial. Informant reported that ALBERTSON stated that this was a "big victory",but to have this victory sustained we must organize a mass movement which would create a favorable political atmosphere showing that our conviction was based on lies. We must force the Department of Justice to abandon the idea of a new trial.

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

T-14 advised on October 29, 1956, that a "mass meeting for civil liberties" was held on October 19, 1956, at Hunt s Point Palace, Bronx, New York, under the auspices of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. Informant reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended this affair and was asked to stand so that all present could see him; he did so and received applause.

Emergency Committee For a Free Press

T-18, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 8, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was formerly employed by the Emergency Committee For a Free Press, but,as of above date,this Committee was "dead" and had given up its office space.

Greetings Sent to Convicted Communists

T-19, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, made available on December 5, 17, 27, and 28, 1956, greeting cards addressed to GUS HALL, an inmate at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, was one of the persons who sent a greeting card.

GUS HALL, a former National secretary of the CP, USA, was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949.

T-19 made available on October 19, 21,27, and 28, 1956, greeting cards addressed to GILBERT GREEN, an inmate at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, was one of the persons who sent a greeting card.

GILBERT GREEN was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949.

T-20, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information on February 5, 1957, which reflected that BILL ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, sent a Christmas greeting to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1953.

T-21, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished information on March 11, 1957, which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York, New York, sent 1956 Christmas greeting to HENRY WINSTON at the United States Penitentiary, Terre Haut, Indiana.

HENRY WINSTON was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949.

Other Activities

T-15 made available on December 3, 1956, a typewritten letter, dated December 1, 1956, over the name WILLIAM ALBERTSON. This letter reads, in part, as follows:

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"Dear Sir and Brother:

"I wish to thank those of you who supported me in the fight against my 5 year sentence for allegedly violating the Smith Act.

"No doubt your support helped us to win a very important victory from which all labor can profit.

"The continued use by the Department of Justice of professional political stool-pigeons is a menace to the civil liberties of American labor and the people generally. Hundreds of people have been deported, others have lost their jobs and been blacklisted, and many have been jailed as a result of the lies told by paid informers on the witness stand. There is no difference between the employers' stool-pigeons in the shops and unions and the political stool-pigeon. They are both frame-up artists.

"Smith Act trials, because they are trials of thoughts and ideas and speech (which are supposed to be free under our Constitution), can only be based on the lies of political informers. Such trials should have no place in our system of democracy with its Bill of Rights.

"These are the reasons I ask you to consider making

".....a demand on Attorney General Herbert Brownell that, in light of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in my case, he end the system of using political informers and that he withdraw the indictment against me and my co-defendants;

".....a financial contribution so that I can pay my share of the debts accumulated in this court fight which has been going on since August 1951."

On December 1[illegible], 1956, T-22, who has furnished reliable information in the past, also furnished a copy of the letter described above.

APPENDIX

Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee (PSASDC)

A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 18, 1955, that the Steve Nelson Defense Committee was an outgrowth of Civil Rights Congress (CRC) activities on behalf of Steve Nelson and as a practical matter operated as an adjunct of the CRC.

This informant advised that this Committee has operated under the following names:

Committee to Defend Steve Nelson,
Nelson Anti-Sedition Committee,
New York Committee to Defend the Pittsburgh Smith Act Defendants

On 4/11/57, the informant advised that this Committee was presently operating under the name of PSASDC and has for its purpose the collection of funds and mobilization of public opinion in favor of the Pittsburgh Smith Act Defendants:

Steve Nelson
Irving Weissman
James Dolsen
Benjamin Careathers
William Albertson

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., reflects the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

> "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p.91.)

APPENDIX

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., reflected the following concerning "Political Affairs:"

> "Cited as an 'official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ.'
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> 'Political Affairs, formerly known as The Communist, 'a magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published monthly by the Communist Party of the United States of America,' now calls itself 'a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.' Its chief editor is Eugene Dennis, executive secretary of the party.'"
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> (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, 1920, May 11, 1948, pp. 5 and 36; also cited in House Report 209 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Agent of a Foreign Power, April 1, 1947, p.25.)

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Emergency Committee For a Free Press

The "Daily Worker", March 29, 1956, issue announced the formation of the Emergency Committee For a Free Press. The purpose of this Committee was announced as follows:

"This Committee will support the "Daily Worker" in its fight to continue as a newspaper. Such support will be moral and financial in nature."

This issue of the "Daily Worker" discloses that on March 27, 1956, the premises of the "Daily Worker" was padlocked by internal revenue agents for failure to pay taxes.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
T-1 NY 1743-S*	Resignation	1/14/57		b6 b7C b7D
T-2 CG 5824-S*	Characterization of SI GERSON.			
	16th National Convention of CP, USA	2/9-15/57	SA [redacted]	100-129629-137 100-129629-158 100-129629-159 100-129629-160
	Use of the word "interpret"	2/18/57		
	Identified photo of subject	3/14/57		
T-3 [redacted]	NY State CP Convention	3/6/57	SA [redacted]	[redacted]
	16th National Convention CP, USA	3/6/57	"	[redacted]
	4/3/57	4/4/57	"	100-129629-186
T-4 [redacted]	1/27/57	2/11/57	SA [redacted]	[redacted]
	Reconvened NY State CP Convention	4/15/57	"	

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T-5 [redacted]	NY State CP Convention	1/28/57	SA [redacted]	[redacted]
	3/23/57	4/1/57	"	
	3/30,31/57	4/1/57	"	
	3/9/57	3/11/57	"	
T-6 Photographic surveillance 2/9/57	16th National Convention, CP, USA	2/9/57	SAS [redacted]	100-80541-Sub A 1B2(4,5,6)
T-7 Photographic surveillance 2/10/57	16th National Convention, CP, USA	2/10/57	SAS [redacted]	100-80541-Sub A 1B2(4,5,6)

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T-8 NY 1950-S*	Chairman, evening session, 2/12/57	2/12/57		
[redacted]	3/30,31/57	4/5/57	SA [redacted]	[redacted]
T-10 NY 1727-S*	Elected to State Committee	4/1/57		
	Meeting of Industrial Board	11/2/56		
T-11 NY 1657-S*	County CP meeting, 4/9/57	4/9/57		
T-12 NY 694-S*	Factional problem	4/10/57		
T-13 NY 1835-S*	Mimeographed memo, 5/3/57	5/8/57		

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T-14 NY 384-S*	Re United Socialist Movement	5/13/57	SA [redacted]	[redacted] b6 b7C b7D
	9/24/56	10/2/56	"	
	10/15/56	10/25/56	"	
	10/19/56	10/29/56	"	
T-15 NY 1784-S*	12/10/56	12/10/56		
	1/7/57	1/7/57		
	2/4/57	2/4/57		
	3/18/57	3/18/57		
	4/8/57	4/8/57		
	Resolutions Committee	1/7/57		
	Letters from ALBERTSON	12/3/56		

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T-16 NY 1886-S*	Comments of F. FINE	12/10/56		
T-17 CS SF 2252-S*	Letter from ALBERTSON, 4/15/57	4/19/57		[redacted]
T-18 [redacted]	Committee dead	11/8/56	SA [redacted]	
T-19 [redacted]	Greeting cards to G.HALL	12/5,17,27,28/57		100-129629-109
(Requested)	Greeting cards to G. GREEN	12/19,21,27, 28/57		100-129629-125

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T-20 [redacted] Virginia (Requested)	Greeting to E.G.FLYNN	2/5/57		100-129529-155
T-21 [redacted] Indiana (Requested)	Greeting to H.WINSTON	3/11/57		100-129529-205
T-22 [redacted]	Letters from ALBERTSON	12/17/56	SA [redacted] SE [redacted]	100-129529-104

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NY 384-S* was used to document Pittsburgh Smith Act Self-Defense Committee.

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The physical surveillance of 3/28/57 was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

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The physical surveillance of 3/30/57 and 3/31/57 was conducted by SA [redacted]

The Security Index Card pertaining to the subject has been reviewed and information appearing thereon is current and correct.

This case has been evaluated in light of the current SI criteria, and this case continues to meet that criteria.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is a Smith Act of 1940 subject; Pittsburgh is the office of prosecution.

A suitable photograph of subject is available.

Attention is directed to the details of this report wherein is set forth that subject was denied a New York State driver's license. According to New York 1727-S* on 3/4/57, BILL ALBERTSON at NY State CP Headquarters, contacted PETER KIHSS of the "NY Times " He told him that he had been turned down in his attempt to get a driver's license even though the Pittsburgh case against him had been set aside.

KIHSS said that he would look into this matter

Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, KIHSS contacted ALBERTSON at NY State CP Headquarters, and told him that he had contacted the Motor Vehicle Bureau, and learned that their action was being based on ALBERTSON'S 60 day term for contempt of a Federal court, when he refused to answer questions while a witness. KIHSS said that he thought this would start a precedent, and that the Motor Vehicle Bureau's case was weak.

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ALBERTSON agreed to keep him in mind concerning developments in court.

LEADS

PITTSBURGH

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will follow and report prosecutive action concerning subject.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report activities of the subject.

REFERENCES

NY letter to Director, 8/31/56, entitled, "Communist Party, USA (Prosecution of Individuals Under the Internal Security Act of 1950); Internal Security-C; Internal Security Act of 1950."
Report of SA [redacted], 12/12/56, at NY. b6 b7C
Supplemental Prosecutive Summary report, SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 1/11/57.
Report of SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON, 1/4/57, at Charlotte.
Report of SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON, 3/28/57, at Charlotte.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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23 West 26th Street, New York, New York

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
PITTSBURGH	NEW YORK	10/28/57	10/8,9/57

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Report made by

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C; 9326
SMITH ACT OF 1940

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Synopsis:

Retrial of the subject and his co-defendants for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 was originally scheduled for 1/7/57 in USDC, Pittsburgh, Pa., but after postponement due to difficulty in obtaining counsel for defendants, trial was rescheduled for 10/7/57. Indictment against subject and co-defendants dismissed on 9/13/57 in USDC, Pittsburgh, at the request of the USA, Pittsburgh.

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DETAILS:

I. FEDERAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT UNDER THE SMITH ACT OF 1940

On November 29, 1956, U. S. Attorney D. MALCOLM ANDERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that the criminal case, No. 13531, which is styled, "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, ET AL," (STEVE NELSON and his co-defendants, WILLIAM ALBERTSON,

Approved C. H. Kline Special Agent in Charge

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BENJAMIN L. CAREATHERS, JAMES H. DOLSEN, and IRVING WEISSMAN) had been set down for retrial on January 7, 1957 in the U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh.

On December 12, 1956, Miss STELLA KOURAKOS, Clerk, U. S. Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, at the request of U. S. Attorney ANDERSON, advised SA JAMES T. MOONEY that Judge RABE F. MARSH, U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, had, on December 12, 1956, postponed the Pittsburgh Smith Act Case retrial from January 7, 1957 until an unspecified date to be set by Judge MARSH in the future. Miss KOURAKOS advised that this postponement was made at the request of Pittsburgh Attorney HYMEN SCHLESINGER for the defendants. Judge MARSH ruled, however, that the defendants were to appear in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, on January 7, 1957 to advise the court concerning the identity of their defense counsel.

On January 7, 1957, the subject and his co-defendants appeared before Judge MARSH in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, along with Attorney HYMEN SCHLESINGER who was listed as defendant's attorney of record for the service of papers only in this matter. During this appearance the subject, speaking for himself and IRVING WEISSMAN, advised the court that he had consulted with several attorneys in New York City but had been unable to procure counsel due to lack of finances and due to the fact that the attorneys consulted all had other pending work. Subject advised the court that he and WEISSMAN were indigent and unable to pay counsel fees and, therefore, requested the court to appoint counsel for them. At this appearance, STEVE NELSON and U. S. Attorney ANDERSON further advised the court that the Allegheny County Bar Association had been consulted regarding the securing of counsel for defendants but no reply had been received as of that date. Judge MARSH ordered that the hearing be adjourned until 9:30 a.m., January 14, 1957; that in the intervening period the defense and the Government should consult with the Allegheny County Bar Association to determine what attorneys were available for appointment as defense counsel; that a list of suggested defense counsel should be submitted to the court on January 14, 1957, at which time Judge MARSH would give the defendants an opportunity to select counsel from the list to be prepared by the Bar Association or he would appoint defense counsel for them; and that the defendants, including the subject, were not required to appear in person on January 14, 1957 but could be represented by Attorney HYMEN SCHLESINGER.

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On January 14, 1957, U. S. Attorney ANDERSON advised SA [redacted] that at a hearing before Judge MARSH in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, on January 14, 1957, the court was advised that the Allegheny County Bar Association was attempting to complete financial arrangements to compensate local attorneys who were to be appointed by the court as counsel for the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants. Judge MARSH stated that he would await an additional report from the Allegheny County Bar Association prior to determining further action in regard to appointing counsel for the defendants.

On March 26, 1957, [redacted] Attorney, U. S. Department of Justice, advised SA [redacted] that on or about March 21, 1957 Attorney HYMEN SCHLESINGER, in behalf of the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants, including the subject, filed a motion for reduction of bail before the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pa. Departmental Attorney [redacted] stated that the latter court refused to pass upon the motion and referred it back to the U. S. District Judge HARRY F. MARSH, Pittsburgh. Departmental Attorney [redacted] also advised that as of that time, Judge MARSH had not set a date for hearing on the above motion. He also advised that the above motion claimed bail set for the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants (in the amount of $25,000 for WILLIAM ALBERTSON, STEVE NELSON, and IRVING WEISSMAN; and in the amount of $20,000 for JAMES H. DOLSEN and BENJAMIN L. CAREATHERS) was excessive because the bail was set after conviction in the first Pittsburgh Smith Act trial and was more than was required prior to that trial; that many of the bondsmen were in dire straits and needed their money; and that the bail was out of line in comparison with other recent Smith Act cases.

On April 4, 1957, Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on March 29, 1957 Attorney HYMEN SCHLESINGER, in behalf of the Pittsburgh Smith Act defendants, including the subject, filed a motion for reduction of bail in the U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, on the grounds that: (1) present bail was excessive in that it was in the same amount as set after conviction in the first Pittsburgh Smith Act trial and more than was required prior to that trial; that defendants are entitled to presumption of innocence and occupy same status as they did prior to conviction and are entitled to have bail fixed upon this consideration as well as the consideration that the original bail set was excessive; (2) some of the persons who advanced funds for bail are in dire circumstances and are requesting the return of their money; (3) all of the defendants have faithfully observed each and every condition of their bond.

On May 13, 1957, at a hearing before Judge MARSH in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, the subject advised the court that IRVING WEISSMAN and himself would be represented by FRANK DONNER, New York Attorney. Judge MARSH ordered that DONNER enter a formal appearance for the subject and WEISSMAN within one week. During the course of this hearing, Judge MARSH appointed three members of the Allegheny County Bar Association as defense counsel to represent STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN L. CREATHERS, and JAMES H. DOLSEN. Thereafter, arguments were heard by Judge MARSH regarding the defendants' motion for reduction of bail, after which the matter was taken under advisement. Prior to the conclusion of this hearing, Judge MARSH set the trial date for the Pittsburgh Smith Act Case retrial for the first week of the criminal term of the fall 1957 term of court. The defendants were represented at the above-mentioned hearing for pre-trial purposes only by Pittsburgh Attorney HYMEN SCHLESINGER.

On May 29, 1957, U. S. Attorney ANDERSON advised SA [redacted] that on May 28, 1957, Judge MARSH ordered that bail for the subject and his co-defendants be reduced to $15,000 for each. Judge MARSH based his order on the fact that for a period of six years defendants had complied with all orders of the court and had observed each and every condition of their bonds. Judge MARSH also granted the defendants 30 days in which to file preliminary motions.

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On May 29, 1957, U. S. Attorney ANDERSON advised SA [redacted] that Attorney FRANK DONNER (whom defendant WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated on May 13, 1957 would act as counsel for himself and IRVING WEISSMAN) had recently advised Judge MARSH by letter that he declined to enter his appearance as a defense counsel unless he could have certain assurances that such appearance would not interfere with his pending committments. U. S. Attorney ANDERSON stated that the U. S. Government would not give DONNER such assurances, and that, therefore, the subject and IRVING WEISSMAN did not have counsel of record as of that date. U. S. Attorney ANDERSON further advised that as a result Judge MARSH, on May 29, 1957, did file an order appointing Allegheny County Bar Association members, BENJAMIN HASELTINE, JR., and CARL BLANCHFIELD, as defense counsel for IRVING WEISSMAN and the subject, respectively.

On June 17, 1957, Judge MARSH granted a petition filed by the defendants which extended the time within which they might file preliminary motions to August 1, 1957. This order was based on a petition filed by the defendants in which it was set out that

the defense counsel had not had sufficient time with which to familiarize themselves with the record of the case.

On June 25, 1957, a check of the docket, in regard to the Pittsburgh Smith Act case maintained in the Clerk's Office, U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, by SA [redacted] reflected that IRVING WEISSMAN and the subject had sent a letter to Judge MARSH under date of June 4, 1957. In this letter WEISSMAN and the subject rejected the counsel appointed for them by Judge MARSH on May 29, 1957 and reasserted their right to be represented by their original choice, Attorney FRANK J. DONNER. WEISSMAN and the subject stated that DONNER was familiar with their case and with Smith Act cases in general and requested Judge MARSH to reinstate DONNER as their counsel. They indicated that DONNER's present committments might possibly be concluded by the time the Pittsburgh Smith Act Case retrial was scheduled to commence but in the event such committments continued to prevail, they believed that the Pittsburgh trial should be postponed until DONNER was available. b6 b7C

On July 1, 1957, U. S. Attorney ANDERSON advised SA [redacted] that the subject, through Attorney FRANK J. DONNER, had, under date of June 26, 1957, forwarded a petition to the U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, applying for the unrestricted right to travel outside the jurisdiction of the Western District of Pennsylvania and New York City. The petition cited that the subject had complied with past orders of the court, and that when the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, on June 10, 1954, granted leave for him to reside and work in New York City, the order contained no travel restrictions. U. S. Attorney ANDERSON advised that he would not oppose the above petition although restrictions on subject's travel were contained in his bail bond.

On July 31, 1957, IRVING WEISSMAN and the subject filed the following motions in U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh:

1. Motion to Dismiss, or in the alternative, for a hearing or inspection of Grand Jury minutes or other relief.

2. Motion for Production and Inspection of Documentary Evidence.

3. Motion to Dismiss Indictment.

4. Motion to Dismiss Indictment Because of Communist Control Act of 1954.

5. Motion For a Bill of Particulars.

On July 31, 1957, Judge MARSH ordered that argument upon the above motions would be held on August 30, 1957.

On August 1, 1957, the following motions were filed in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, in behalf of all of the defendants of the Pittsburgh Smith Act Case:

1. Motion to Dismiss Indictment.

2. Motion to Permit Inspection of Grand Jury Minutes with affidavit of defendant BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS attached.

On August 29, 1957, U. S. Attorney ANDERSON advised SA [redacted] that the hearing on defense motions scheduled for August 30, 1957 had been postponed by Judge MARSH at the request of FRANK J. DONNER, attorney for the subject and IRVING WEISSMAN, and that Judge MARSH had reset the date of the hearing for September 7, 1957. U. S. Attorney ANDERSON also advised that Judge MARSH had set the date of October 7, 1957 as the date for the commencement of the Pittsburgh Smith Act Case retrial.

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On September 5, 1957, Departmental Attorney [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the hearing on defense motions had been postponed from September 7, 1957 to September 13, 1957 at the request of the U. S. Attorney, Pittsburgh.

On September 6, 1957, Miss STELLA KOURAKOS, Clerk, U. S. Attorney's Office, Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted] that the order signed by Judge MARSH on September 5, 1957, postponing the hearing on defense motions, indicated that the hearing was "continued generally," no date being set for the hearing.

On September 13, 1957, Judge MARSH, in U. S. District Court, Pittsburgh, dismissed the indictment in the Pittsburgh Smith Act Case (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka. Steve Nelson; BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS; WILLIAM ALBERTSON; JAMES HULSE DOLSEN; ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA; and IRVING WEISSMAN, Criminal Docket No. 13531), upon the request of U. S. Attorney ANDERSON.

U. S. Attorney ANDERSON advised the court that careful re-examination of this case in the light of recent Supreme Court decisions had led the U. S. Government to conclude that it could not

successfully retry the defendants on the basis of the evidence presently available to the Government; that two of the original trial witnesses were deceased; and that other witnesses were no longer available.

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On 9/13/57 Judge RABE F. MARSH, USDC, WDPA, Pittsburgh, Pa., dismissed indictment in Pittsburgh Smith Act case (United States vs. STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka Steve Nelson; BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HULSE DOLSEN, ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, and IRVING WEISSMAN, Criminal Docket No. 13531) upon request of USA D. MALCOLM ANDERSON.

USA ANDERSON advised Court that careful re-examination of this case in the light of recent Supreme Court decisions has led the Government to conclude that it could not successfully retry defendants on basis of evidence presently available to Government; that two of original trial witnesses are deceased and other witnesses are no longer available.

The Buffalo, Cleveland, New York, and Washington Field Offices, which have investigation pending in this case, will discontinue.

Copies of instant airtel are being sent for informational purposes to offices covering residences of individuals who had been anticipated witnesses and to offices which have furnished pertinent exhibits in captioned case.

The above-mentioned exhibits which have been maintained at Pittsburgh will be promptly returned to the Bureau and respective offices.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 10/29/56.
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Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides 430 West 119th Street, NYC. Employed as Labor Secretary of the NY State CP. Reliable informants have reported that ALBERTSON attended National Committee meetings of CP, USA, on 7/27 & 28/57, and 11/9 & 10/57; NY State CP Committee meetings on 5/25/57, 6/29/57, 8/4/57, and 10/11,12/57; was elected as Labor Secretary of NY State CP; attended NY State Board meetings, June through November, 1957; elected Executive Secretary of NY State CP Industrial Division; attended NY State CP Industrial Division Convention, 5/10/57; Bronx County CP Convention, 5/3/57, and Kings County CP Convention, 5/5/57. Other CP and CP front activity set forth.

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DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. FRANK FULLER, superintendent, 430 West 119th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on December 19, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his family reside in Apartment 23 at the above address. b6 b7C

B. Employment

T-1 advised on December 5, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON on December 3, 1957, identified himself as the person in charge of the New York Communist Party (CP) Industrial Region and the Labor Secretary in the New York CP District. (U)

T-2 advised on various dates during the period May 15, 1957 through December 13, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had been on the New York State CP payroll continuously during the period May 3, 1957, through November 9, 1957, receiving a net weekly wage of $54.55. (U)

Special Agents of the FBI have observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving National and New York State CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on an almost daily basis from May 22, 1957 through November 27, 1957.

C. Dismissal of Indictment Under the Smith Act of 1940

On September 13, 1957, the United States District Judge RABE F. MARSH, United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dismissed the indictment in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case entitled "United States versus STEPHEN MESAROSH, aka, STEVE NELSON, BENJAMIN LOWELL CAREATHERS, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, JAMES HOLSE DOBSEN, ANDREW RUDOLPH ONDA, and IRVING WEISSMAN, criminal

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D. Attempts to Obtain Unemployment Insurance

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 3, 1957, page 4, column 3, contains an article entitled "ALBERTSON Jobless Pay Hearing Today."

The article states "the second hearing on the unemployment case of WILLIAM ALBERTSON will be heard before an official referee this morning. The ALBERTSON case involves the right of a Communist Party official to jobless compensation."

The article states that ALBERTSON was denied unemployment compensation in 1956 because part of his eligibility was composed of time he had worked for the Communist Party's National Committee. A ruling by the New York State Attorney General declared that CP employees should be denied jobless insurance.

The article notes that ALBERTSON and the CP were challenging the ruling and that ALBERTSON was being represented by the New York Civil Liberties Union.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 31, 1957, page 1, column 1, contains an article entitled "Communist Party to Appeal Ban On Employee's Jobless Pay."

The article states in part that the CP had announced it would appeal a ruling by a New York State Insurance Referee made the previous week in the case of WILLIAM ALBERTSON denying CP employees the right to unemployment insurance and the right of the CP to continue paying into the State Insurance Fund.

The article notes that the Referee reversed a previous ruling denying ALBERTSON benefits holding that ALBERTSON had worked the required amount of time as an employee of a private concern and the Civil Rights Congress to be eligible for employment insurance. However, he ruled that the period of time ALBERTSON was employed by the CP could not be counted since the CP had no legal rights and privileges under the Communist Control Act of 1954.

The article concludes with a statement by ALBERTSON in which he attacks the decision and declares "I am certain that this 'right-to-starve' decision will be overturned on appeal in the courts."

The Civil Rights Congress (CRC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," issue of August 14, 1957, page 3, column 3, contains an aritcle entitled "LUBIN to Appeal ALBERTSON Ruling," which reflects that the New York State Industrial Commissioner ISADORE LUBIN had announced that he would appeal a ruling by an unemployment insurance referee granting WILLIAM ALBERTSON about $300 in unemployment insurance.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

Other articles concerning ALBERTSON's attempts to obtain unemployment insurance appear in the "New York Times", issues of July 30, 1957 and August 20, 1957.

E. Efforts to Obtain New York State Drivers License

The "Daily Worker", issue of September 9, 1957, page 5, column 3, contains an article entitled "ALBERTSON Wins Fight For Auto License".

This articles states that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Labor Secretary of the New York State CP, had been granted an automobile drivers license.

It notes that ALBERTSON was refused a license in 1955 on the ground that he had been convicted under the Smith Act of 1940 and had served a sentence for contempt.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

National Committee Meetings

T-1 on July 30, 1957, T-3 on August 5, 1957, and T-4 on August 1, 1957, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Committee of the CP, USA, held at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on July 27 and 28, 1957.

T-1 advised that ALBERTSON, a non-member of the Committee, was among a group invited to the meeting by the National Administrative Committee of the CP, USA.

T-1 and T-3 further advised that ALBERTSON participated in a discussion of a report which was given at this meeting by SID STEIN, Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, on plans for a new party program and the status of the party organization. [redacted]

On July 27, 1957, Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

T-1 on November 14, 1957, and T-3 on November 12, 1957, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, held on November 9 and 10, 1957, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. [redacted]

T-1 further advised that ALBERTSON was not a member of the Committee but was there as an invitee of the Committee. [redacted]

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, New York City, on November 9, 1957.

Yugoslav Hall is owned, and operated by the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

New York State CP Committee Meetings

T-5 advised on May 31, 1957, that the first full meeting of the newly elected New York State CP Committee was held on May 25, 1957, in Room 11C, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

T-5 stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting and acted as Chairman of the afternoon session. At this meeting, it was announced that ALBERTSON had been a member of a Special Committee composed of State Committee members-at-large.

It was explained that this Special Committee had been charged with, among other responsibilities, choosing a slate of officers for the New York State CP and members of the New York State CP Board, for consideration by the State Committee.

T-5 further advised that at this meeting, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was nominated for the position of New York State CP Labor Secretary, which position would also make him a member of the New York State CP Board.

T-6 on May 25, 1957, furnished in substance the same information furnished by T-5 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the New York State CP Committee meeting on May 25, 1957.

On May 25, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON leaving and entering Room 11C, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

T-5 advised on July 23, 1957, that at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee, which was held on June 29, 1957, at Adelphi Hall, New York City, a discussion of the CP partidpation in the 1957 New York City elections was held.

BILL ALBERTSON, who was in attendance, spoke in favor of running a CP city-wide candidate in the elections.

T-6 on June 29, 1957, also advised that ALBERTSON attended the New York State Committee meeting held that date at Adelphi Hall, New York City.

T-6 advised on August 4, 1957, that a meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held that date in Room 8B, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 8B, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on August 4, 1957.

T-6 advised on October 11, 1957, that on that date, a special meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held in Room 10C, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

T-6 further advised on October 12, 1957, that the second session of this meeting was had that date in Room 10C, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 10C, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on October 12, 1957.

T-6 on October 11 and 12, 1957, and T-5 on October 24, 1957, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at the New York State CP Committee meeting held on October 11 and 12, 1957.

At this meeting a report on party organization was given on behalf of a subcommittee which had been set up for that purpose.

It was also announced that ALBERTSON had been a member of that committee.

T-5 further advised that ALBERTSON acted as Chairman for part of this meeting.

New York State CP Board Meetings

T-2 advised on June 21, 1957, that a CP official had stated that according to the minutes of the State Board meeting held on June 10, 1957, BILL ALBERTSON was chairman of that meeting.

T-7 advised on September 6, 1957, that the "Progressive Labor Forum" would hold a meeting in Room 11G, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on September 9, 1957.

T-8 advised on June 24, 1957, and July 8, 1957, that meetings of the "Progressive Labor Forum" were held those dates at Adelphi Hall, New York City, and that during these meetings it was announced that it was a meeting of the New York State CP Board.

T-8 advised on September 9, 1957, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting held that date in Room 11G, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

One of the points discussed at this meeting was a report on organization of the Party and in particular the part that dealt with "transitional forms of organization." In this connection, ALBERTSON addressed the meeting in substance as follows:

ALBERTSON stated that the question was whether they should have "transitional forms of organization" and this flowed from the question of what kind of Party they thought the working class needed. He said that he felt American imperialism was the main enemy of the working class and only a revolutionary struggle was going to win for the working class. He

thought it could be a peaceful transition with many battles preceeding it so that they needed a vanguard organization, a revolutionary organization.

He added that he was speaking in the scientific sense and it seemed that whether or not they would degenerate into a sect depended on the line they would work out and how they would apply it among the people including those in the Party who were not accepting the leadership.

He said that these people had lost confidence because of the KHRUSHCHEV report and the inability to understand it plus poor leadership in helping them understand the Hungarian defense, factionalism, and the period of prosperity. He said some had lost confidence in the goal of the Party.

ALBERTSON then discussed the "comrades" in the Party who were "anti-leadership". He used an example where one section of the Party had refused to accept the section leadership and now there were proposals which would allow them to organize these people into a special branch attached to the State organization because they would not accept the section leadership or work with it. He said this violated a basic rule of organization, namely, having one center of leadership.

ALBERTSON continued stating that he felt that the whole situation sprang from the new right to dissent, which he pointed out did not mean the right to boycott. He warned that if they did this for this group they must also do it for others and then they would have a federation where each one did as he wanted.

He added that they were creating something special for factionalists of which those who stay in the Party could not take advantage. ALBERTSON concluded stating that there could be no right to dissent on whether or not Marxism-Leninism is a science and there could be no right to dissent on the fundamental role of the Party because they must have a vanguard Party.

T-8 furnished information on September 30, 1957, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held that date in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, on the evening of September 30, 1957.

T-8 advised on October 28, 1957, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held that date in Room 11E, Adelphi Hall, New York City. This meeting was concerned with a report and discussion of the Teamster Union Convention and a discussion on New York State CP funds.

T-8 stated that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting and participated in the discussion.

T-8 advised on November 18, 1957, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held that date in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on November 18, 1957.

New York State CP Industrial Board Meetings

T-9 on June 5, 1957, advised that a meeting of the Industrial Board, Industrial Division, New York State CP, was held on that date in Room 202, National Palace Theatre, 111 East Houston Street, New York City.

The source stated that at this meeting BILL ALBERTSON gave the main report.

ALBERTSON began by discussing the proceedings of the New York State CP Committee meeting held the previous week. He identified the officers who were elected by the State Committee and stated that he had been elected Labor Secretary.

He added that the most important point about the elections was that they were an attempt to establish a unified leadership.

ALBERTSON then discussed the leadership of the Industrial Division, commenting that when the previous Industrial Division Organizer had been removed from his office, he, ALBERTSON, was asked to take over that position.

In discussing the make-up of the Industrial Staff, he stated that he had been elected to the Staff as Executive Secretary, and continuing stated that additional members to the Staff had yet to be elected and that the big problem was to find comrades who would accept this responsibility so that the Staff would be a representative leadership of all viewpoints.

ALBERTSON then called upon the members to contact every member in the Division and especially those who had dropped out of the Party in the past year in an effort to get every member's dues paid up through June.

Concerning finances, ALBERTSON stated that the CP fund drive was of the utmost importance, adding that the State Board felt that there should be one fund drive during the year. For this reason the quota for the Industrial Division had been raised from $35,000 to $50,000.

He stated that he, himself, had to work out suggested quotas for each region of the Division as he had no way to consult with each member of the Industrial Board on the basis of the new quota.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 202, National Palace Theatre, New York City, on June 5, 1957.

T-9 advised on June 19, 1957, that a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Division Board was held that date at the National Theatre, Second Avenue and Houston Street, New York City.

The source further advised that among the subjects discussed at this meeting was the Industrial Division participation in the CP, USA, campaign to ban atomic and hydrogen bomb tests.

BILL ALBERTSON, who was in attendance, characterized this campaign as a major mass Party campaign, which if it were effective in stopping further tests, would pay off in an increase of prestige for the Party.

T-10 advised on July 17, 1957, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board held that date in Room 202, National Palace Theatre, 111 East Houston Street, New York City.

According to the source, the main discussion at this meeting concerned the actions taken by the CP Fur Region in the recent Fur Union elections.

ALBERTSON was critical of the stand taken by the Fur Region.

T-10 further advised that ALBERTSON was appointed to a committee of Industrial Board members, who would meet with "comrades from fur" to discuss the situation.

Special Agents of the FBI on July 17, 1957, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 202, National Palace Theatre, New York City.

Positions Held in the CP

As set forth under Section I Background, of this report, T-1 advised that on December 3, 1957, WILLIAM ALBERTSON identified himself as the person in charge of the New York CP Industrial Region and the Labor Secretary in the New York CP District.

T-2 made available on May 29, 1957, a memorandum entitled "Minutes of State Committee Meeting, May 25, 1957", which was in the possession of New York State CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. (C) (U)

Contained in the portion of this memorandum setting forth election of State officers was the following:

"State Labor Sec. - Bill Albertson-elected-4 opposed-4 absten."

T-11 advised on June 18, 1957, that at a meeting of the New York County CP Committee held on May 28, 1957, at New York City, it was announced that at the New York State CP Committee meeting held May 25, 1957, BILL ALBERTSON was elected to the office of New York State CP Labor Secretary.

As previously mentioned in this report, T-9 advised on June 5, 1957, that at a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board held that date at 111 East Houston Street, New York City, BILL ALBERTSON identified himself as New York State CP Labor Secretary and Executive Secretary of the New York State CP Industrial Division.

Wages Paid by the CP

T-2 advised on May 15, 1957, that according to the "Schedule for Witholding Tax Statements - 1956" for the New York State CP, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York City, was paid total wages of $410.00.

Other information concerning wages paid to ALBERTSON by the CP is set forth under Section I Background of this report.

CP Industrial Division Convention

T-12 advised on May 10, 1957, that a Convention of the Industrial Division of the New York State CP was to be held on May 10 and 11, 1957, at Alhambra Hall, 15 Second Avenue, New York City.

T-13 advised on May 10, 1957, that no other meetings were held in Alhambra Hall on May 10, 1957. On May 10, 1957, Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering Alhambra Hall, New York City.

T-12 advised on May 10, 1957, that at the New York State CP Industrial Convention held that date at Alhambra Hall, New York City, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was introduced as the Secretary for the Industrial Board gave the main report.

ALBERTSON discussed at some length what he termed were the three central questions of importance for the Industrial Division.

These being the struggle for trade union democracy and the defense of labor, the fight for civil rights, and the fight to maintain peace.

ALBERTSON pointed out that two other questions of deep concern to the Division were the Marxist Press, and Party unity. He criticized the "Daily Worker" for its failure to carry out the line of the National Committee on certain questions.

Later, ALBERTSON stated that his remarks concerning the "Daily Worker" were his and should not be considered part of his report on behalf of the Board.

ALBERTSON concluded his remarks stating that the Industrial Division was the largest single unit in the State and because of this "our voice" is decisive not only due to "our size" but because "we" comprise the working majority in the Party and that at this convention"we" must elect a united leadership and fight for party unity based on the decision of the National Convention and the National Committee.

Bronx County CP Convention

T-14 advised on May 13, 1957, that on May 3, 1957, the Reconvened Convention of the Bronx County CP was held at 2141 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York.

T-14 further advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at this Convention and gave a 10 minute report that included,among other things, the status of the CP and the various CP Conventions.

ALBERTSON also spoke on factions in the CP, what harm they had caused, and what damage they could cause. He urged everyone to abide by the mandates of the National Convention and to rebuild the CP to much greater heights then ever before.

T-15 advised on May 9, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended the Bronx County CP Convention held on May 3, 1957, at 2141 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York, and spoke in substance as set forth above.

Kings County CP Convention

T-16 advised on April 8, 1957, that on that date the At-Large Committee of the New York State CP and a delegation from the Kings County CP met at the New York State CP Headquarters, New York City.

At this meeting, the problems facing the Kings County organization in preparation for its Reconvened Convention were discussed and that in an effort to obtain unity a motion was made and accepted to set up a committee of BILL ALBERTSON and three others as a subcommittee on unity to meet with the Kings County organization and attempt to solve all the problems in unity and organization in Kings County.

T-17 advised on May 6,1957, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at the Reconvened Kings County CP Convention held on May 5, 1957, at Premier Palace, 505 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

T-18 advised on May 5, 1957, that at the Reconvened Kings County CP Convention held that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON addressed the Convention stating that he represented a New York State CP subcommittee of four who were pledged to end all factionalism in the Party and to make recommendations for bringing this about.

Later, ALBERTSON again addressed the Convention and again spoke on unity and ending factionalism in the CP. He stated that the CP, USA, as a result of its 16th National Convention had a Party line and Party policy and he urged all members to accept this line and carry out these policies. He indicated that members had a right to dissent but not to disrupt the Party.

Attendance at Other CP Meetings

T-20 advised on September 11, 1957, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of CP members in the Food Industry held on September 10, 1957, at 26 Cornelia Street, New York City. ALBERTSON participated in a discussion of plans for this group to take part in the 1957 New York City municipal elections.

T-11 on October 18, 1957, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Section leadership of the New York City CP held on October 2, 1957, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

T-11 stated that this meeting was called "to analyze and evaluate actual conditions so that we may plan for wide-spread activities and participate in wiping out the scourge of racism".

T-21 advised on April 9, 1957, that on that date a meeting of the Kings County CP Committee was held at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York.

On April 9, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON leaving 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York.

Miscellaneous CP Activity

T-19 advised on August 14, 1957, that in a conversation with a National CP functionary on that date, this individual stated that ALBERTSON was among a group of CP leaders who would comprise a National Subcommittee to plan for a CP National Labor Conference to be held sometime in the near future.

T-11 advised on July 26, 1957, that BERT MAC LEECH had been transferred to the ALP Club of the Greenwich Village CP Section, New York City.

This was announced at the July 17, 1957 meeting of this club.

MAC LEECH was sponsored by BILL ALBERTSON and another New York State CP Committee member.

At this meeting MAC LEECH stated that he had been a member of the CP since 1936 and told the club he had worked in defense work in connection with the Smith Act case in Connecticut and this was where he had worked with ALBERTSON.

T-22 advised on July 1, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended funeral services held for JAMES FORD, deceased CP leader, on June 25, 1957, at the Renaissance Casino, New York City.

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathies with CP Front Organizations

Joint Self-Defense Committee

T-23 advised on July 16, 1957, that on July 10, 1957, an officer of the Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties had stated that BILL ALBERTSON, a member of the New York State CP Committee, had contacted the

Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties, and told them the CP was desirous of having that Committee "mobilize" the Bronx for a meeting to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on July 24, 1957.

This officer stated that this meeting would be "an action" of the National and New York State CP Committees, although it would be under the auspices of the Joint Self-Defense Committee.

ALBERTSON was quoted as saying that the CP desired the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee to mobilize the Bronx since the Bronx CP was hardly functioning.

T-2 on July 19, 1957, made available a blank envelope addressed to "Mr. Wm. Albertson, 430 West 119th Street, New York City." Enclosed in this envelope was an undated letter addressed to "Dear Bill" on a printed letterhead "Information Bulletin - issued BY - Joint Self-Defense Committee", and an enclosed complimentary ticket.

This letter states in part "you are cordially invited to be an honored guest on the platform at the Bill of Rights rally to be held in Carnegie Hall, Wednesday, July 24, 1957."

The ticket announced a "Bill of Rights Rally" to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on July 24, 1957, under the auspices of the Joint Self-Defense Committee.

Peoples Rights Party

T-11 advised on September 17, 1957, that a meeting of those who had been active in the campaign to elect ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as a member of the New York City Council on the People's Rights Party ticket, was held at Alhambra Hall, 15 Second Avenue, New York City, on September 4, 1957.

BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting at which plans for obtaining signatures on nominating petitions for FLYNN were discussed.

The "Daily Worker" of October 23, 1957, page 1, column 1, contains an article which states that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was then a candidate of the People Rights Party for the New York City Council from the 24th Senatorial District.

The People's Rights Party (PRP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On August 26, 1957, T-3 advised that during a session of the National Committee meeting of the CP, USA, held on July 28, 1957, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA.

Food Workers Defense Committee

T-23 advised on October 22, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON on October 14, 1957, stated that a "Food Workers Defense Committee", which according to ALBERTSON consisted of members of the CP, was arranging a reception in his, ALBERTSON's, honor, which would be held on October 19, 1957, at 611 West 137th Street, New York City.

According to ALBERTSON, the occasion of this reception was the dismissal of the indictments in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case and that invitations for this reception were being sent to "friends" who would make sizable contributions to help relieve defendants in that case of their debts.

T-23 on October 16, 1957, made available a mimeographed invitation announcing a "Cocktail Party and Reception for Bill Albertson" on October 19, 1957, at 611 West 137th Street, New York City.

The invitation also states "let's celebrate his freedom from the Smith Act indictment and a possible jail sentence."

The invitation concludes identifying ALBERTSON as the former Secretary-Treasurer of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, and states that "contributions" would be accepted. The invitation is signed Food Workers Defense Committee.

T-24 advised on October 28, 1957, that approximately 60 persons attended a cocktail party given in honor of BILL ALBERTSON on October 19, 1957, at 611 West 137th Street, New York City.

APPENDIX

BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE.

On November 22, 1955, an informant advised that the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners was formed in 1952 by CP members in the Bronx, NY. He described this committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted CP leaders.

On September 26, 1956, the same informant described this committee as a loosely organized group, with few members, which is active when the CP is conducting an amnesty campaign.

On February 8, 1957, another informant advised that the name of the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners had been changed to Bronx Civil Rights Committee.

On February 13, 1957, the first informant, mentioned above, advised that the name of this committee had been changed again to Bronx Civil Liberties Committee.

According to both sources mentioned above, this organization continues to meet at 2731 Barker Avenue, Bronx, New York.

APPENDIX

JOINT SELF-DEFENSE COMMITTEE

An informant advised on May 10, 1956, that the Joint Self-Defense Committee was formerly known as the Charney-Trachtenberg Self-Defense Committee. According to this informant, the Joint Self-Defense Committee was set up to secure funds for the trial of "Smith Act Victims" for the CP. It is a direct CP organization and not merely a front group, which the party is seeking to control. It was originated about May, 1955, in general discussions between SI GERSON, a New York State CP functionary, and other CP functionaries in New York City. The actual organization was entrusted to SAM COLEMAN, who according to JOHN LAUTNER, former official of the CP, was a highly trusted CP member. According to this informant, the CP supported the committee financially and also loaned it personnel.

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Enclosed herewith are four copies of the report of SA [redacted] and four copies of a blank memorandum dated and captioned as above at NY. b6 b7C

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T-1 CG 5824-S*	12/3/57	12/5/57		100-129629 b7D
	7/27,28/57	7/30/57		[redacted]
	11/9,10/57	11/14/57		
T-2 NY 2017-S*	CP wages paid 1957	numerous dates 5/15/57 thru 12/13/57		100-80641
	6/10/57	6/21/57		100-129629-376
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T-2 Cont'd	Letter from Joint Self Defense Committee	7/19/57		100-80641-1B347
T-3 NY 559-S*	7/27,28/57	8/5/57		100-129629-420
	11/9,10/57	11/12/57		100-129629-570
	Used to document ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN			
T-4 [redacted]	7/27,28/57	8/1/57		
T-5 [redacted]	5/25/57			
	6/29/57			
	10/11,12/57			
T-6 NY 2045-S*	5/25/57			
	6/29/57			
	8/4/57			
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T-7 [redacted] (By request)	Used to document "Progressive Labor Forum"			
T-8 NY 2050-S*	Used to document "Progressive Labor Forum"			
		9/9/57		
		9/30/57		
		10/28/57		
		11/18/57		
T-9 NY 1622-S*		6/5/57		
		6/19/57		
T-10 NY 2067-S*		7/17/57		
T-11 [redacted]		5/28/57		
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T-11 Cont'd	Info re BERT MAC LEECH 9/4/57			[redacted] b7D
T-12 NY 2029-S*	5/10,11/57			
T-13 [redacted] (By Request)				100-129629-307 b6 b7C b7D
T-14 [redacted]	5/3/57			[redacted]
T-15 [redacted]	5/3/57			100-129629-333 b7D
T-16 NY 1912-S*	4/8/57			
T-17 [redacted]	5/5/57			[redacted]
T-18 NY 2024-S*	5/5/57			

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description Of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-19 NY 2010-S*	8/14/57			
T-20 [redacted]	9/10/57			
T-21 NY 1657-S*	4/9/57			
T-22 [redacted]	6/25/57			
T-23 NY 384-S*	7/10/57			
	10/14/57			
	Invitation for 10/19/57			100-129629-1A11
T-24 [redacted]	10/19/57			

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized in those instances in the report where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

ADMINISTRATIVE

This case has been reviewed in the light of the Security Index criteria and it still meets these requirements since it has been reliably reported that ALBERTSON is an officer of the NY State CP.

There is a suitable photograph of the subject on file at the NYO. His SI card is current and correct.

Subject is on the key figure list of the NYO and his retention on this list is warranted due to his position in the NY State CP.

This report is marked "confidential" because it contains information, the disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the US.

In accordance with instructions in Bulet dated 9/19/57, captioned "CP, USA, IS-C; ISA-50", the Internal Security Act of 1950 character of this case has been deleted. In view of the dismissal of the indictments in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case, the Smith Act of 1940 character of this case has been deleted.

The informant used to document the Joint Self-Defense Committee is NY 384-S* and the informants used to document the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee are NY 384-S* and [redacted] both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past. b7D

Numerous agents observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, NYC, on an almost daily basis during the peiod 5/22/57 through 11/27/57.

Surveillance logs covering these surveillances are maintained in NY 100-4931-sub 0.

The physical surveillance on 7/27/57, was conducted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

The physical surveillance on 11/9/57, was conducted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

The surveillance on 5/25/57, 9/30/57, and 11/18/57, were conducted by SA [redacted]

The surveillance on 10/12/57, was a photographic surveillance conducted by SA [redacted] The photograph of ALBERTSON was identified by SA [redacted] on 10/23/57.

The physical surveillance on 8/4/57, was conducted by SA [redacted]

The surveillance on 6/5/57, was conducted by SA [redacted]

The surveillance on 7/17/57, was a photographic surveillance conducted by SA [redacted] and [redacted] The photograph of ALBERTSON was identified by SA [redacted] on 8/19/57.

The surveillance on 5/10/57, was a photographic surveillance conducted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] The photograph of ALBERTSON was identified by SA [redacted] on 5/14/57.

The surveillance on 4/9/57, was a photographic surveillance by SA [redacted] The photograph of ALBERTSON was identified by SA [redacted] on 5/30/57.

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Will maintain contact with established sources and informants to develop information regarding

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subject's activities and contacts in the NY State CP Industrial Division.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted] 6/24/57, at NY.
Report of SA [redacted] 10/28/57, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

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United States Department of Justice
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Re: William Albertson

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

T-1 through T-24 have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides 430 West 119th Street, NYC. Employed by NY State CP. Informants have reported ALBERTSON attended National Committee meeting, CP, USA, 2/15,16/58; NY State CP Committee meetings 12/13,14/57, 1/11,12/58; attended NY State Board meetings Nov., 1957, through Feb., 1958, and NY State CP Industrial Board meetings in Oct. and Dec., 1957; was elected "State Secretary", NY State CP; identified as member of Trade Union Commission, CP, USA. CP activities in Upstate NY, comments concerning crisis in CP and resignation of JOHN GATES, and other CP activity and CP front activity set forth.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. FRANK FULLER, Superintendent, 430 West 119th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on March 6, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his family reside in apartment 23 at the above address. b6 b7C

B. Employment

T-1 advised on February 21, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the New York State Communist Party (CP) payroll as of that date and that during the period January 3, 1958, through February 21, 1958, ALBERTSON received a net weekly wage of $62.55.

Special Agents of the FBI have observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving National and New York State CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on an almost daily basis from December 2, 1957, through February 27, 1958.

"The Worker", issue of March 9, 1958, page 15, column 4, contains an article which states in part that at a New York State CP Committee meeting held the previous weekend, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, New York State CP Labor Secretary, had been elected State Secretary of the New York State CP.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

T-2 advised on various dates during the period December 3, 1957 through January 30, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed at CP Headquarters, New York City, on numerous dates during that period.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

National CP Meeting

T-3 advised on February 15 - 20, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was one of the non-members of the National Committee, CP, USA, who was present at a meeting of that Committee held February 15 - 16, 1958, at New York City.

New York State CP Committee Meetings

T-5 advised on January 3, 1958, that a two session meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held on December 13-14, 1957, at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th

Avenue, New York City. The agenda for this meeting was: 1. Discussion of the Twelve Party Declaration; 2. Election of Three Members to the National Committee to Fill Vacancies; 3. Progress and Report on Negro and Trade Union Conferences.

T-5 advised further that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at both sessions and acted as chairman of the December 14, 1957 session and in addition gave the reports concerning the election of the three members to the National Committee and on trade union conferences.

T-6 advised on December 13, 1957, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at the first session of a New York State CP Committee meeting held on that date in Room 9B, Adelphi Hall, New York City. The source advised that at this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the status of plans for a series of CP conferences to be held on trade union work.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 9B, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on December 13-14, 1957.

T-5 advised on January 13 and 31, 1958, that a two day meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held at Adelphi Hall on January 11 and 12, 1958. BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting and acted as chairman for the January 12, 1958 session. This meeting was concerned with a report given by BEN DAVIS, JR., New York State CP Chairman, which called for the New York State CP to take a strong stand condemning the resignation of JOHN GATES from the CP. T-5 reported that ALBERTSON spoke against the "GATES viewpoint", but tried not to support the "DAVIS viewpoint".

T-6 advised on January 12, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at the New York State CP Committee meeting held that date at Adelphi Hall, New York City. According to T-6, ALBERTSON acted as chairman for this meeting. T-6 further advised that the first session of this meeting was held on January 11, 1958, in Room 11D, Adelphi Hall.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11D, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on January 11, 1958.

The "New York Times" on January 11, 1958, page 1, carried an article stating that JOHN GATES on the previous day, January 10, 1958, publicly announced his resignation from the editorship of the "Daily Worker" and the CP.

The article quoted part of GATES' letter of resignation from the CP, "Because I feel that the Communist Party has ceased to be an effective force for democracy, peace and socialism in the United States".

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

New York State CP Board and Staff Meetings

T-7 advised on November 18, 1957, that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Board held in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

On November 18, 1957, SA [redacted] observed that the directory of Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City, listed the occupant for 11K as the "Progressive Labor Forum".

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On November 25, 1957, SA [redacted] again observed that the "Progressive Labor Forum" was the listed occupant for Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, on the above directory.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, on November 25, 1957.

T-7 advised on December 9, 1957, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held that date in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

On December 9, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

T-7 advised on January 27, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Board meeting held that date in Room 11H, Adelphi Hall, New York City. Discussed at this meeting was a report that had been given at a previous board meeting by ALBERTSON concerning the actions taken by the CP Fur Region in the last fur union election. ALBERTSON defended his report and stated that the CP must adopt a policy of not condoning such actions as were taken by the CP members in the fur industry.

On January 27, 1958, a Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON on the 11th floor of Adelphi Hall, New York City, proceeding toward Room 11H.

T-7 advised on February 10, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held that date in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on February 10, 1958.

T-8 advised on January 16, 1958, that on January 17, 1958, a special New York State CP Staff meeting would be held to discuss "The Worker" subscription campaign.

T-4 advised on January 17, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting held at CP Headquarters that date. At this meeting the fund drive for "The Worker" and general editorial policies of the paper were discussed.

T-4 advised on January 22, 1958, that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at the New York State CP Staff meeting held at CP Headquarters, New York City. Among the points discussed at this meeting were registration of CP members and financing of "The Worker".

New York State CP Industrial Board Meetings

T-9 advised on October 9, 1957, that on that date a meeting of the Industrial Board of the New York State CP Industrial Division was held in Room 1A, Central Plaza Annex, 40 East 7th Street, New York City. At this meeting BILL ALBERTSON gave a talk concerning the Little Rock, Arkansas, racial situation.

On October 9, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI observed BILL ALBERTSON enter Room 1A, Central Plaza Annex, New York City.

T-9 advised on October 23, 1957, that on that date a meeting of the Industrial Board of the New York State CP Industrial Division was held at Central Plaza Annex, New York City. According to T-9, BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting, at which the registration of CP members was discussed and a general discussion regarding the status of the CP was held.

T-10 advised on December 4, 1957, that on that date a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board was held in Room 9G, Adelphi Hall, New York City. The main point of discussion at this meeting was the replacement of representatives from the New York State CP Industrial Division on the National Committee of the CP, USA. According to T-10, BILL ALBERTSON gave the main report on this subject. Also during the course of this meeting, ALBERTSON discussed his attempts to form a staff for the New York State CP Industrial Division.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed BILL ALBERTSON enter Room 9G, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on December 4, 1957.

Positions Held in the CP

"The Worker", issue of March 9, 1958, page 15, column 4, contains an article which states in part that at a New York State CP Committee meeting held the previous weekend, WILLIAM ALBERTSON New York State CP Labor Secretary, had been elected State Secretary of the New York State CP.

T-11 advised on March 1, 1958, that at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee, held that date in New York City, BILL ALBERTSON was elected "State Secretary" of the New York State CP.

T-3 advised on January 2, 1958, that on that date FRED FINE, Labor Secretary, CP, USA, identified WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a member of the Trade Union Commission, CP, USA.

T-12 on November 12, 1957, advised that on that date he observed a copy of a letter dated November 7, 1957, addressed to "Dear Comrades' and signed "Comradely Yours, MARTHA STONE". The letter reflected in part that a meeting of the National Labor Commission would be held on November 11, 1957, at the National Headquarters to hear and discuss a report on "The Lessons in the Struggle for Unity in the Electrical Industry". This letter further reflected that persons to whom copies of the letter were designated were urged to attend the meeting. A copy of this letter was designated for BILL ALBERTSON.

T-3 advised on December 15-20, 1957, that MARTHA STONE was a member of the National Committee, CP,USA, from the New Jersey District.

T-9 advised on October 9, 1957, that on that date a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board was held at Central Plaza Annex, New York City. At this meeting BILL ALBERTSON identified himself as a member of the committee which was drafting a resolution on trade union policy for presentation to a regional conference of the CP on Trade Unions.

T-3 advised on February 15-20, 1958, that at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, held on February 15-16, 1958, at New York City, it was announced that BILL ALBERTSON was one of the members of a subcommittee which was preparing a Draft Labor Policy Statement for presentation at the next meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA.

CP Activities in Upstate New York

T-13 advised on November 13, 1957, that on November 3, 1957, BILL ALBERTSON met with certain members of the Buffalo, New York, CP in that city. At this meeting BILL ALBERTSON discussed the CP and its trends on a state and national scale. T-13 stated that at one point during this meeting, ALBERTSON discussed CP cooperation with the "Trotskyites" and in this regard ALBERTSON stated that CP members should neither join them nor trust them. ALBERTSON pointed out that the only exception to this principle is when CP members and "Trotskyites" collaborate in a plant to help the workers in trade union matters, but this should never be done openly.

T-14 advised on November 22, 1957, that on November 3, 1957, a small group of CP members attended a meeting in Buffalo, New York, at which the main speaker was BILL ALBERTSON, described as a CP leader from New York City. At this meeting, according to T-14, ALBERTSON discussed a number of matters pertaining to the CP, however, the main purpose of the meeting was to learn the condition of the CP especially in New York City.

T-15 advised on December 26, 1957, that it was learned in Buffalo, New York, on that date, from an Erie County CP leader that this individual had contacted WILLIAM ALBERTSON in New York City and requested immediate action on money which the New York State CP had promised to send to the Erie County CP. According to this person, ALBERTSON had suggested the manner in which the Erie County CP should handle the matter.

T-16 on January 4, 1958, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON met with certain leaders of the Erie County CP in Buffalo, New York. ALBERTSON inquired about certain operations of the Erie County CP, such as registration, funds and factionalism.

Comments Concerning Crisis in the CP and the Resignation of JOHN GATES

T-2 made available on February 6, 1958, a nine-page mimeographed document entitled, "Report by BILL ALBERTSON on the Party Crisis, Adopted by Industrial Leadership Meeting, January 24, 1958".

The first section of the document deals with the resignation of JOHN GATES from the CP. The report is extremely critical of GATES and charges that his resignation and subsequent statements and writings "are intended to demoralize our membership, to cast doubts on our science and objectives, to create feelings of hopelessness concerning our Party and movement and to convince non-Party progressives to shy away from us." The report goes on to also criticize those CP leaders who

supported GATES stating "to condemn or approve GATES' resignation is a false issue. For or against GATES' policies is the real issue. All Party leaders should be required to express their opinions fully as to GATES' policies".

The report continues discussing the EUGENE DENNIS, then Secretary for National Affairs of the CP, USA, report on the evaluation of the work of the CP since the 16th National Convention, as compared to the report by SID STEIN, then Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA, on that subject. The report is critical of the STEIN report and calls for the Industrial Division to support the DENNIS report.

Another section of this report discusses the 12 Socialist Parties Declaration and calls for the support of this declaration. ALBERTSON states in part "It is my firm conviction that the fate of American Socialism is inextricably bound with the fate of world Socialism and the world Socialist movement," and calls for an end of "continuous carping criticism of the Socialist countries".

The report concludes by calling for an end to factionalism and rebuilding of the CP stating "we need a Party in the shops and unions which is able to combine its work of fighting for the immediate needs and demands of the workers, with the work of winning them for the struggle for broader issues such as the fight for peace and for Negro and Puerto Rican equality, with the work of explaining the 'why's' of things happening in these struggles and the fundamental direction which the working class must take in order to get off the Capitalist merry-go-round. We need a Party which takes every opportunity presented to raise the level of class consciousness of the workers".

T-18 advised on January 8, 1958, that it was learned on January 6, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was among those members of the CP who are of the "left"persuasion who consider the then forthcoming resignation of JOHN GATES from the CP as "good riddance".

Miscellaneous CP Activity

T-17 advised on February 12, 1958, that he knew WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, New York City, as a leader in Local 16, Restaurant and Bartenders Union, and as a CP member prior to 1946, exact dates unknown.

T-18 advised on January 2, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a social gathering held on December 29, 1957, at the Celebrity Club, New York City. The purpose of this gathering was to raise money for a memorial education fund in honor of deceased CP leader EDWARD E. STRONG. T-18 noted that those present at this gathering consisted of the "left" and "ultra left" groups of the CP.

T-2 advised on December 9, 1957, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON on November 20, 1957, attended memorial services for MARION BACHRACH, deceased CP leader, at the McAlpin Hotel, New York City.

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy With CP Front Organizations

Bronx Civil Liberties Committee

T-19 advised on December 13, 1957, that a party sponsored by the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee was held on November 23, 1957, at the Allerton Community Center, Bronx, New York. This affair was to celebrate the release of the Pittsburgh Smith Act Defendants. BILL ALBERTSON was among the speakers at this affair.

Peoples Rights Party

On November 20, 1957, the records of the New York City Board of Elections, New York City, reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 430 West 119th Street, witnessed pages 21, 299, 302, 322, 324, 327, and 389 of the Independent Nominating Petition of the Peoples Rights Party circulated in behalf of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, candidate for the public office of City Councilman, 24th Senatorial District, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, prior to the November 5, 1957 New York City election.

The November 5, 1957, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 1, column 3, identified ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as a member of the CP National Committee.

The Peoples Rights Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE.

On November 22, 1955, an informant advised that the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners was formed in 1952 by CP members in the Bronx, NY. He described this committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted CP leaders.

On September 26, 1956, the same informant described this committee as a loosely organized group, with few members, which is active when the CP is conducting an amnesty campaign.

On February 8, 1957, another informant advised that the name of the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners had been changed to Bronx Civil Rights Committee.

On February 13, 1957, the first informant, mentioned above, advised that the name of this committee had been changed again to Bronx Civil Liberties Committee.

According to both sources mentioned above, this organization continues to meet at 2731 Barker Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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FD-122 (Rev. 11-23-56)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: 3/14/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C

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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: *(specify change only):*

Name		
Aliases		
☐ Native Born	☐ Naturalized	☐ Alien
☐ Communist	☐ Socialist Workers Party	☐ Independent Socialist League
☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)*		
☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*	CP, USA ~~New York District~~ 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York (Secretary of NY District)	
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Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility NOT RECORDED
Interested Agencies		28 MAR 18 1958
Residence Address		

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

100-129629

New York, New York
March 28,1958

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

T-1 through T-8, T-11 through T-16, T-18 and T-19 all have furnished reliable information in the past.

T-9, T-10 and T-17 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

The informants who furnished information on the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee have both furnished reliable information in the past.

This is loaned to you be the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 3/28/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Enclosed herewith are 4 copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above, and 4 copies of a letterhead memo relative to informants concealed in the report.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted], dated 1/8/58, at NY.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will maintain contact with established sources and informants to develop information regarding the subject's activities and contacts in the NY State CP Industrial Division.

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3-New York (100-129629)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Numerous agents observed ALBERTSON leaving and/or entering CP Headquarters on an almost daily basis during the period 12/2/57 - 2/27/58. Logs covering these surveillances are maintained in 100-4931-Sub 0.

Surveillances

Date	Agent
11/25/57	SA [redacted]
12/13,14/57	SA
1/11/58	SA
1/25/58	SA
12/9/57	SA
2/10/58	SA
1/27/58	SA
10/9/57	SA
12/4/57	SA

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NYC Board of Election records were reviewed on 11/20/57, by IC [redacted].

INFORMANTS

Informants used to document the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee are NY 384-S* and [redacted] both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past.

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INFORMANTS CONT'D

Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located	b7D
T-1 NY 2017-S*	Subject on CP Payroll		100-80641-1B426	
T-2 [redacted]	Subject at CP Headquarters 12/3/57 through 1/30/58	Numerous dates during 12/3/57 - 1/30/58	[redacted]	
	Report by Subject on Party Crisis 11/20/57		100-80641-1B405 [redacted]	
T-3 CG 5824-S*	2/15,16/58 1/2/58 Used to Document MARTHA STONE.		[redacted] 100-129629-634	
T-4 NY 2179-S*	1/17/58 1/22/58			

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INFORMANTS CONT'D

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T-5 [redacted]	12/13,14/57 1/11,12/58		[redacted] b7D
T-6 NY 2045-S*	12/13/57 1/11,12/58		
T-7 NY 2050-S*	11/18/57 12/9/57 2/10/58 1/27/58		
T-8 NY 2010-S*	1/17/58		
T-9 NY 2022-S*	10/9/57 10/23/57		
T-10 NY 2170-S*	12/4/57		
T-11 NY 2236-S*	3/1/58		

INFORMANTS CONT'D

Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-12 [redacted]	Letter re Labor Commission		100-129629-652
T-13 [redacted]	11/3/57		[redacted]
T-14 [redacted]	11/3/57		
T-15 BU 236-S*	12/26/57		
T-16 BU 206-S*	1/4/58		
T-17 PSI [redacted]	CP Membership Prior to 1946		100-129629-746
T-18 NY 559-S*	1/6/58 12/29/57		100-129629-686 [redacted]
T-19 [redacted]	11/23/57		

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1. [x] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [ ] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [x] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [x] A suitable photograph [x] is [ ] is not available.
5. [x] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [x] This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason)

   it contains information indicating the FBI has coverage of Communist meetings held in certain locations in NYC. If this fact were disclosed, it could possibly reveal the identities of informants and seriously hamper investigation of subversive activities; this would be injurious to the National Defense.

8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [x] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

    subject continues in a leadership capacity in the New York State CP.

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SAC, New York (100-129629) April 17, 1958

Director, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A review of the file pertaining to subject, who is a key figure of your division, reflects that a photograph of subject was submitted to the Bureau as an enclosure to your letter of August 7, 1944. This photograph is not considered suitable and it is desired you secure a more recent, distinct photograph of subject.

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SAC, New York (100-129629) May 2, 1958

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet 4-22-58 requesting that Albertson be designated as a top functionary.

It does not appear that Albertson's position as state secretary of the New York State Communist Party (CP) places him in a position where he occupies a high policy level within the CP. Consequently, he is not being designated as a top functionary.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on Security Index and is key figure of New York Office. New York has now requested that he be designated a top functionary in view of election 3-1-58 to position of state secretary, New York State CP.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 4/22/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Subject is now designated a Key Figure of the NYO. He formerly held the position of Labor Secretary of the New York State Communist Party.

On 3/1/58, ALBERTSON was elected State Secretary of the New York State CP, and he currently is acting in that capacity. He is a full-time paid employee of the New York State CP.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to approve the designation of ALBERTSON as a Top Functionary of the NYO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 5/6/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReBulet dated 4/17/58, requesting a more suitable photograph of the subject.

Enclosed herewith are two photographs of ALBERTSON. It is noted that although these photographs were taken in 1951 they are excellent likenesses of subject as he appears today.

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1 - New York (100-129629)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NAME WILLIAM ALBERTSON

FBI NO. _____ DATE PHOTO TAKEN 8/51

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
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TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Report made by

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides 520 West 110th St., NYC; employed by NY State CP. Informants have advised that ALBERTSON is the Secretary of the NY State CP; attended National Committee CP, USA meetings, 2/15 and 16/58; National Executive Committee CP, USA meetings, 3/19 and 29/58; NY State CP Committee meeting, 3/1/58; NY State CP Board and Staff meetings during February, March, April and May, 1958; and NY State CP Industrial Board meetings, January, February and March, 1958. Attendance at other CP meetings, position held in NY State CP, comments regarding factionalism, and other CP activity set forth.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOHN STEVENS, Superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on June 5, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his family have resided in apartment 12A, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, since June 2, 1958. b6 b7C

B. Employment

T-10 advised on May 26, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was an employee of the New York State Communist Party(CP) receiving a gross weekly salary of $70. [redacted]

T-1 advised on April 2, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the Secretary of the New York State CP.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation(FBI) have observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving National and New York State CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on an almost daily basis during the period March 3, 1958 through May 29, 1958.

C. Status of Health

T-2 advised on April 23, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON had complained on that date that his stomach had been bothering him and that he had been consulting a physician, who was conducting some tests to determine what the trouble was. (U)

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

National CP Meetings

T-3 advised on February 17, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a two day meeting of the CP, USA, National Committee held in New York City on February 15 and 16, 1958.

T-4 advised on February 15, 1958, that on that date, the first session of a meeting of the National Committee CP, USA, was held at Alhambra Hall, 15 Second Avenue, New York City, beginning at 10:45 AM.

T-5 advised on February 14, 1958, that the above meeting was the only meeting to be held in Alhambra Hall on February 15, 1958, prior to 7:00 PM.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Alhambra Hall on February 15, 1958, at 10:12 AM.

T-6 advised on February 19, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a CP meeting held on February 15, 1958, at 15 Second Avenue, New York City.

T-7 advised on March 28 and 29, 1958, that on those dates, a meeting of the National Executive Committee CP, USA, was held in New York City. According to the informant, BILL ALBERTSON at the meeting on March 29, 1958, gave a report concerning the status of CP membership in New York State.

T-7 advised on March 19, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a National Executive Committee meeting of the CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on that date.

New York State CP Committee Meeting

T-8 advised on February 28, 1958, and March 1, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held on those dates at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. According to T-8, WILLIAM ALBERTSON

was in attendance at both sessions of this meeting and at the March 1, 1958 session, ALBERTSON gave a report on Party organization.

According to T-8, ALBERTSON began his report stating that the CP had been weakened by internal strife and by the government, however, the Party now has the correct "line." ALBERTSON said that despite an almost 50 per cent drop in the New York State CP membership, the Party would begin to build its ranks. He said that in 1928, the CP was weak, however, the Party overcame that weakness and the CP was here to stay because without the CP, the victory for socialism would be impossible.

ALBERTSON urged that the New York State CP begin a "concentration" in three areas specifically industry, Negro people and Puerto Rican areas. He stated that the CP must outline all of these areas in order to build a Party of mass influence in New York City. ALBERTSON in his talk, continued stressing the great need for a "concentration" policy and its value to rebuilding the Party. T-8 stated that ALBERTSON's report was accepted by the committee.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall on March 1, 1958, at approximately 10:03 AM.

> Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, is owned and operated by the Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc. which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" of March 9, 1958, page 12, column four, contains an article entitled, "N.Y. State CP Adopts Program on Recession." This article reflects in part that at a New York State CP Committee meeting held the previous weekend, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was elected State Secretary at this meeting, presented to the committee a program of concentration and action. According to the article, ALBERTSON advanced a comprehensive concentration policy for the Party with major attention to key industries and to Negro and Puerto Rican workers in specific neighborhoods and industries. He also endorsed the current drive for election of a Negro United States Senator from New York in 1958, and urged this as a major project for the Party.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

The April, 1958 issue of "Party Voice," pages six and seven, contains an article captioned, "Concentration . . . Essence of Political Achievement by William Albertson, Secretary, New York State Committee." A notation on page two of "Party Voice" reflects that ALBERTSON's article is part of a report given to the New York State Committee on March 1, 1958.

"Party Voice" is self-described on its cover as "A Bulletin Issued by the New York State Communist Party."

New York State CP Board Meetings

T-7 advised on April 14, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Board meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City, commencing at 8:05 PM. According to the informant, ALBERTSON, at this meeting, submitted a proposed budget for the New York State CP.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter CP Headquarters, New York City, on April 14, 1958, at 6:48 PM.

T-7 advised on April 7, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Board meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda for this meeting, according to T-7, included a report on Negro affairs, a discussion of A-Bomb tests and the situation in Cuba. BILL ALBERTSON was also nominated to a committee, the purpose of which was to make preparations for a CP Negro conference.

T-7 advised on March 31, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Board meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. According to the informant, most of this meeting dealt with a discussion of a Party program on the unemployment situation.

T-7 advised on March 17, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Board meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City.

T-9 advised on March 10, 1958, that on that date, a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, at 8:15 PM. T-9 advised that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting, however, he noted that ALBERTSON was not present for the entire meeting having arrived late.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall between 9:10 PM and 10:32 PM on March 10, 1958.

T-10 advised on February 21, 1958, that the State Board of the "Progressive Labor Forum" would meet on February 24, 1958, at 7:30 PM at Adelphi Hall, New York City.

T-11 advised on October 24, 1957, that "Progressive Labor Forum" is the name used in calling meetings of the New York State CP Committee.

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On February 24, 1958, SA [redacted] observed that the "Progressive Labor Forum" was the listed occupant for Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on the directory located in the street floor lobby of 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall on February 24, 1958, at 7:21 PM.

T-9 advised on February 10, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held that date in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City. Informant stated that BILL ALBERTSON gave a report at this meeting on the labor situation. ALBERTSON stated that the Party must develop a program and get into mass work and make new ties with the labor movement. ALBERTSON discussed the economic situation in the United States and quoted statistics to support his statement that the country was on the eve of a major depression. He outlined a program the CP should advance calling for less military spending and the need for housing and schools. In addition, he advocated trade without restraint, leading to the recognition of Red China. He concluded stating that the CP should attempt to obtain a high level of political activity within the different trade unions and the CP should see that non-labor mass organizations which have unemployment programs "take the proper course."

New York State CP Staff Meetings

T-7 advised on the dates indicated that BILL ALBERTSON attended meetings of the New York State CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City:

February 4, 1958
February 19, 1958

March 4, 1958
March 20, 1958
April 17, 1958
May 8, 1958

T-7 advised on March 24, 1958, that on that date, a meeting of the New York State CP Staff and New York CP County Organizers was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. BILL ALBERTSON was Chairman of this meeting, the agenda of which included a report on the recent garment industry strike in New York City, finances, and May Day preparations.

New York State CP Industrial Board Meetings

T-12 advised on March 12, 1958, that on that date, a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board was held in Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, commencing at 8:05 PM. According to this informant, BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting and led a discussion concerning the election of new officers for the Industrial Board.

Special Agents of the FBI observed BILL ALBERTSON enter Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, on March 12, 1958, between 6:15 PM and 8:27 PM.

T-13 advised on February 26, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Industrial Board meeting held that date in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, commencing at 8:10 PM.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed BILL ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall on February 26, 1958, between 6:30 PM and 7:50 PM.

T-14 advised on February 12, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board held that date in Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, starting at 8:10 PM.

ALBERTSON gave a report at this meeting concerning CP registration and fund and subscription drives for "The Worker."

Special Agents of the FBI observed BILL ALBERTSON enter Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, on February 12, 1958, during the period 6:15 PM to 8:20 PM.

T-15 advised on January 24, 1958, that a meeting called by the staff of the New York State CP Industrial Division of all Regional functionaries of the Industrial Division was held on that date in Room 10D, Adelphi Hall, New York City. Informant stated that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 10D, Adelphi Hall on January 24, 1958.

T-16 advised on January 8, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board was held in Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on that date, and that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance.

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, on January 8, 1958.

Other CP Meetings Attended

T-17 advised on May 1 and 9, 1958, that on April 25 and 26, 1958, a New York State CP Negro Conference was held on those dates at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. On April 25, 1958, BILL ALBERTSON opened this meeting stating that the conference had been called by the New York State CP Board for the purpose of discussing the implementation of the line and policy and decisions of the National Convention and recent National Committee meeting in the struggle for the rights of the Negro people.

T-18 advised on April 26, 1958, that ALBERTSON was in attendance at both the April 25 and 26, 1958 sessions of the aforementioned conference.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall on April 26, 1958, at 9:54 AM.

T-7 advised on April 28, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a CP meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a report on the prospectives for the 1958 elections. He proposed that the Party efforts be directed towards:

1) The development of independent political action among the forces of labor and the mass and liberal groupings.

2) Emphasis on the issues of peace and banning the H-bomb in order to take advantage of the growing sentiment towards these issues.

3) Agitation for the candidacy of a Negro in the United States Senate and Puerto Rican Representation in Congress.

T-17 advised on April 21, 1958, that on April 3, 1958, BILL ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Manhattan County CP Committee at Central Plaza Annex, 40 East Seventh Street, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a report on the unemployment situation. In his report, ALBERTSON stressed the need for the CP to campaign for expanded trade with socialist countries, demand the elimination of discrimination in unemployment and for the CP to organize the unemployed.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 9, Central Plaza Annex, on the evening of April 3, 1958.

T-1 advised on February 24, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was among those CP functionaries who met with a subcommittee of the New York State CP Press Committee at CP Headquarters, New York City, on February 6, 1958. The purpose of this meeting was to work out a plan and a program of activities for a New York State Permanent Press Committee. Informant stated that ALBERTSON participated in the discussions at this (U) meeting.

T-7 advised on January 29, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Financial Policy Committee held that date in New York City.

Positions Held in the CP

T-8 advised on March 1, 1958, that at a New York State CP Committee meeting held that date in New York City, the resignations of GEORGE WATT as Organizational Secretary, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY as State Secretary, and BILL LAWRENCE as Treasurer from their positions in the New York State CP leadership were accepted and BILL ALBERTSON was elected State Secretary. It was stated that ALBERTSON would also take over the duties of Organizational (U) Secretary.

T-19 advised on March 10, 1958, that several CP members in New York City had stated on March 6 and 7, 1958, that GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY had resigned as Secretary of the New York State CP District, GEORGE WATT had resigned as Organizational Secretary of the New York District, BILL LAWRENCE had resigned as Treasurer and Membership Director (U) of the New York District and that BILL ALBERTSON had taken over the duties of both CHARNEY and WATT.

T-17 advised on April 1, 1958, that at a meeting of the New York County CP Committee held on March 6, 1958, in New York City, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, New York State CP Chairman, stated that BILL ALBERTSON had recently been elected as State Secretary of the New York

State CP to replace two of the State officials who had resigned their positions. DAVIS stated that ALBERTSON would be an executive officer in an overall sense and would be responsible for organizing work in the Party.

T-20 advised on March 5, 1958, that on March 4, 1958, it was stated by a national CP functionary that GEORGE WATT, GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and BILL LAWRENCE had resigned from their leadership posts in the New York State CP and that BILL ALBERTSON had replaced WATT as Organizational Secretary and as such would also assume the duties of CHARNEY who had the title of Executive Secretary. (U)

T-2 advised on April 30, 1958, that it was stated by a CP functionary on that date that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was handling the Party's public relations for the New York CP District.

Comments Regarding Factionalism in the CP

T-7 advised on February 19, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP staff was held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. According to this informant, the first part of this meeting was taken up with the resignations from leadership posts of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, GEORGE WATT and WILLIAM LAWRENCE. One of the persons commenting on these resignations was WILLIAM ALBERTSON who stated that he thought it would be wrong to consider that the resignations were based on a purge, that the facts did not substantiate any such conclusion. ALBERTSON opposed any talk of a purge on the grounds that it would hurt the Party, emphasizing that the Comrades were not leaving the Party. He explained that the three were merely submitting to the majority decision, pointing out that the resolution had been passed in the National Committee calling for a change of leadership and noting other instances reflecting a desire on the part of the majority for a change in the leadership of the Party. ALBERTSON concluded by

urging that there be no publicity given on this matter, lest the job opportunities of the three resignees be jeopardized.

B. Miscellaneous CP Activity

T-1 advised on April 2, 1958, that a meeting of the Permanent Press Committee for "The Worker" was held on March 17, 1958, at CP Headquarters, New York City. According to T-1, BILL ALBERTSON, Secretary of the New York State CP, came into this meeting to make an annoucement. ALBERTSON stated that the New York State CP had decided to hold a "Worker" conference on April 2, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City. The purpose of this conference would be to insure the success of "The Worker" subscription drive and to mobilize the CP for the May Day rally which would be held on May 1, 1958. He called upon the Press Committee to help in making both meetings a success.

T-21, on April 15, 1958; T-17, on April 11, 1958 and T-22, on April 14, 1958, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at and participated in a May Day Conference held on April 2, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City.

"The Worker" issue of April 6, 1958, page three, column four, contains an article entitled "Warn of New Albany Hysteria" which reflects that in a letter to New York Governor AVERILL HARRIMAN, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Chairman of the New York State CP, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, New York CP State Secretary, protested the State Legislature's enactment of an anti-Communist amendment to the State Civil Service Law and urged that it be vetoed. The article quoted the letter in part stating, "The tentacles of this law will stretch out to non-Communists."

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 6/9/58

FROM : SAC, New York (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM O ALBERTSON
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 6/26/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Enclosed herewith are four copies of report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above and four copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the characterization of the informants.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/28/58, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 4/22/58, NY 694-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported a private conversation he had had the previous day with ROBERT THOMPSON, CP, USA, Organizational Secretary. THOMPSON told the informant that he felt he would have to return to jail in the near future and that among those being considered as his successor as Organizational Secretary was WILLIAM ALBERTSON. THOMPSON also told NY 694-S* that if the informant had any problems regarding CP, USA, reserve fund matters during the period before THOMPSON's successor is appointed, NY 694-S* should confer with BILL ALBERTSON. THOMPSON stated that he had arranged for this contact with ALBERTSON and that EUGENE DENNIS, Secretary, CP, USA, was aware of the arrangement. This information has not been included in the Details of the report since by its very nature, it would tend to disclose the identity of NY 694-S*. (U) (TS) (S)

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Surveillances

The following SAS conducted the surveillances mentioned in the Details on the dates indicated:

Dates	Agents
2/15/58	[redacted]
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Various SAS have observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, NYC, on an almost daily basis during the period 3/3/58 through 5/29/58. Their identities are set forth in the logs covering these surveillances which are maintained in NY 100-4931 Sub 0.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	File Number where Located
T-1, NY 384-S*	Employment 2/6/58 3/17/58	[redacted]
T-2, NY 2010-S*	4/23/58 4/30/58	
T-3, NY 559-S*	2/15,16/58	100-129629-837 b7D
T-4, NY 2014-S*	2/15/58	
T-5, [redacted]	2/15/58	
T-6, [redacted]	2/15/58	[redacted]
T-7, NY 2179-S*	4/28/58 3/28,29/58 1/29/58 3/19/58 4/14/58 4/7/58 3/31/58 3/17/58 3/24/58 2/4/58 2/19/58 3/4/58 3/20/58 4/17/58 5/8/58	

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	File Number where Located
T-8, NY 2236-S*	2/28;3/1/58 Position (3/1/58)	
T-9, NY 2050-S*	3/10/58 2/10/58	
T-10, NY 2017-S*	Used to Document "Progressive Labor Forum" Employment NYS CP	100-26603-1A6961
T-11, [redacted]	Used to Document "Progressive Labor Forum"	
T-12, NY 2249-S*	3/12/58	
T-13, NY 2230-S*	2/26/58	
T-14, NY 2221-S*	2/12/58	
T-15, NY 2210-S*	1/24/58	
T-16, NY 2193-S*	1/8/58	
T-17, [redacted]	4/25/58 4/3/58 3/6/58 4/2/58	[redacted]

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	File Number where Located
T-18, [redacted]	4/25,26/58	[redacted]
T-19, CG 5824-S*	3/6,7/58	100-129629-860
T-20, [redacted]	3/4/58	100-129629-801
T-21, [redacted]	4/2/58	[redacted]
T-22, [redacted]	4/2/58	

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will maintain contact with established sources and informants to develop information regarding the subject's activities and contacts in the NY State CP.

1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [ ] The data appearing on the Security Index card are _____ current.
3. [X] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ _____ because (state reason) it contains info furnished by T-2,T-4,T-7 through T-10, T-12 through T-16, which are highly confidential investigative techniques, and because it contains info furnished by T-1,T-3,T-5,T-6,T-11,T-12 through T-22 who are sources who are currently furnishing info. If this was disclosed, it could possibly lead to the revealing of the identities of these techniques and sources and seriously hamper investigation of subversive activities; this would be injurious to the national defense.
8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject continues in a leadership capacity in the NY State CP.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

NY 100-129629

June 26, 1958

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

Informants T-1 through T-3, T-5 through T-7, T-9 through T-11 and T-17 through T-22 have furnished reliable information in the past.

Informants T-4, T-8, T-12 through T-16 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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SAC, New York (100-129629) July 23, 1958

Director, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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ReBulet July 10, 1958, captioned [redacted] Internal Security - C," instructing that New York ascertain facts surrounding [redacted] resignation from the national committee, Communist Party, USA, and further instructing New York to remain alert to the identity of the individual who would be selected to replace [redacted] on the national committee.

Since it has now been established that William Albertson has been designated as the eleventh member of the national committee elected by the New York district, New York should institute intensive investigation of Albertson as a subject for possible prosecution under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

New York should carefully follow current Bureau instructions relating to such investigations. The first report which will include "Internal Security Act of 1950" in the character should reach the Bureau by September 28, 1958.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ********** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 8/4/58

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (65-749)

RE: WILLIAM C. ALBERTSON
IS - C; [redacted] ISA OF 1950
OO: New York

Re Washington Field letter to Bureau, 6/25/58, captioned "HCUA" (Bufile 61-7582) which advised that [redacted] b7D

A copy of the sources' testimony furnished with relet has been filed as [redacted] OTHER Not within purview of FOIA

The identity of the sources should be protected and they may be described as having furnished reliable information in the past.

Current instructions covering HCUA hearings are that the Bureau be advised of the identity of each individual mentioned at such hearings and also advised of their subversive activity unless such information is currently in the Bureau's possession. Such data should be submitted under the individual's case caption and should contain a statement as to whether or not the individual has been the subject of Bureau investigation and as to what action is being taken on any new information developed.

In those instances where an individual has been investigated by the Bureau and the new information obtained does not warrant additional investigation, Bureau instructions are that consideration should again be given to an interview with the individual.

The above captioned individual was mentioned by the sources in their testimony on pages 41, 60.

In summary, the sources furnished the following information concerning captioned individual:

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Sources identified subject as a Communist Party member in the Pittsburgh area.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	9/29/58	8/8,11,12; 9/8,10,12,15-18/58

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides, 520 W. 110th St., NYC. Employed by NY State CP. Reliable informants have advised that ALBERTSON is the Secretary of the NY State CP; attended National Committee, CP,USA meeting, 6/28-29/58, National Executive Committee, CP,USA meetings, 8/19/58 and 5/10/58; NY State CP Committee meetings 7/18-19/58 and 5/23-24/58; NY State CP Board meetings during May, June, July and August, 1958; NY State CP Staff meetings during May, June and July, 1958; NY State CP Industrial Board meetings during March, April and May, 1958 and other CP meetings during April, May, June, July and August, 1958. ALBERTSON elected to National Committee, CP,USA, 7/9/58. Other CP activity and comments on Jewish question in the Soviet Union set forth.

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Special Agent in Charge

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DETAILS

PART I

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOHN STEVENS, superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on September 17, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his family reside in apartment 12A, 520 West 110th Street, New York City. b6 b7C

Mr. STEVENS also advised that ROBERT THOMPSON also resides in apartment 12A at that address.

T-32 advised in September, 1958, that ROBERT THOMPSON is the Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America.

B. Employment

T-1 advised on July 15, 1958, that as of that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was an employee of the New York State Communist Party (CP).

T-10 advised on September 17, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON is the Secretary of the New York State CP.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on an almost daily basis during the period June 4, 1958 through September 8, 1958.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

National CP Meetings

T-2 advised on July 3, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance on both days of a CP,USA National Committee meeting held June 28-29, 1958, in New York City. T-2 advised [illegible] on June 28, 1958, that this meeting was held at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on June 28, 1958, at 11:00 a.m.

The Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, is owned and operated by the Yugoslav American Cooperative Home, Incorporated, which organization has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-3 advised on August 20, 1958, that a meeting of the Resident National Executive Committee CP,USA, was held on August 19, 1958, at CP Headquarters, New York City. T-3 stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was invited in by the National Executive Committee to participate in that part of the meeting dealing with the "ultra-left" faction within the CP. (C)

T-2 advised on May 14, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a National Executive Committee CP,USA meeting held on May 10, 1958, at CP Headquarters, New York City. T-2 stated that ALBERTSON gave a report at this meeting on the forthcoming New York State Elections.

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New York State CP
Committee Meeting

T-4 advised on July 21, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at an enlarged New York State CP Board and Committee meeting held at Yugoslav Hall, New York City, on July 18, 1958.

T-5 advised on July 29, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at an enlarged meeting of the New York State CP Committee held on July 18, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. T-5 stated that this meeting commenced at 8:00 p.m. According to T-5, ALBERTSON opened this meeting and made several proposals concerning action the New York State CP should take in regard to protesting the sending of American Armed Forces to the Near East.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, New York City, on July 18, 1958, during the period 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

T-6 advised on May 25, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON attended both sessions of the New York State CP Committee meeting held on May 23-24, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. According to T-6, ALBERTSON at the May 24, 1958, session of this meeting, gave a report on the 1958 elections in New York. T-6 stated that this report was approved by the Committee.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall on May 24, 1958.

Other CP Meetings

T-7 advised on August 7, 1958, that a Communist meeting was held on August 2, 1958, at 1065 Riverside Drive, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the role of the Communist Youth and what to do

about it. T-7 stated that BILL ALBERTSON presented a run-down on the New York State CP's thinking toward CP Youth to the group.

T-6 and T-9 both advised on August 4, 1958, that a CP meeting was held on July 31, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. T-6 stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman for this meeting, the purpose of which was to organize for the 1958 elections. T-6 also stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting.

T-9 advised on August 4, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was Chairman of a special meeting of the New York State CP held on July 31, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to announce the candidacy of BENJAMIN DAVIS, New York State CP Chairman, for State Senator in the 21st Senatorial District in New York City.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, on July 31, 1958, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

T-4 advised on June 9, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at both sessions of a CP Labor Conference held on June 7-8, 1958, at 111 East Houston Street, New York City.

T-10 advised on May 28, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Mosholu-Jerome Area CP of the Bronx Northwest Section CP, held on May 20, 1958, Bronx, New York. ALBERTSON called upon the CP members in the Bronx to keep on trying to re-register former CP members and to continue to get subscriptions for "The Worker."

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

T-11 advised on April 30, 1958, that BILL ALDENTSCH attended a New York State CP Conference held on April 25, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. T-11 stated that this Conference was called to discuss the Negro Question.

T-12 advised on April 26, 1958, that BILL ALDENTSCH was in attendance at a CP meeting held on April 25-26, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

CP Activities in Upstate New York:

T-13 advised on August 18, 1958, that an Upstate New York CP Conference was held at 171 Brunswick Boulevard, Buffalo, New York, on August 16, 1958. According to T-13, this Conference was called to discuss CP activity in the Upstate New York area and CP organizational structure and leadership in that area. T-13 stated that BILL ALDENTSCH represented the New York State CP at this Conference and addressed the group.

T-14 advised on June 11, 1958, that BILL ALDENTSCH, Secretary of the New York State CP was the guest speaker at a Conference held by the Albany CP at Albany, New York, on May 17, 1958. T-14 stated that the purpose of this Conference was to discuss the condition of the CP in the United States, and to discuss the economic situation in the United States today. T-14 noted that not everyone who was in attendance at this meeting was a CP member.

T-14 stated that ALDENTSCH's speech dealt largely with the economic situation, stating that the United States was in a depression and that it was getting worse.

T-3 advised on May 16, 1956, that the Albany CP held a Conference on May 17, 1956, and that everybody "in or near to" the CP was invited to this Conference. T-3 stated that BILL ALBERTSON, New York State CP Secretary was the guest speaker and gave a report on the economic situation in the United States.

B. Miscellaneous

CP Activity

T-3 advised on July 21, 1956, that at a New York State CP Committee meeting held on July 16, 1956, at New York City, it was announced by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, New York State CP Secretary, that the CP would sponsor a protest picket line at the office of the United States Mission to the United Nations (UN), 2 Park Avenue, New York City, on July 22, 1956, the purpose of which was to protest the sending of American Armed Forces to the Middle East.

Special Agents of the FBI, on July 22, 1956, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON directing pickets in front of 2 Park Avenue, New York City.

"The Worker", issue of June 29, 1958, page sixteen, column one, contains an article captioned "State CP Wires Protest On Little Rock" which states that the New York State CP had sent messages signed by BENJAMIN DAVIS, Chairman, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary, to President EISENHOWER, New York Governor HARRIMAN, New York City Mayor WAGNER and New York City Councilman EARL BROWN, protesting the ruling of Judge HARRY J. LEMLEY in Little Rock, Arkansas, in the School Segregation Case.

"The Worker", issue of May 11, 1958, page seven, column three, contains an article entitled "City Campuses Hear Communists." The article reflects in part "Has the CP been a Progressive force on the American scene?', was the theme of the debate at City College between WILLIAM ALBERTSON, New York State Secretary of the CP and NORMAN ROSENBERG, popular young instructor in Government at the College.

"This was also ALBERTSON's second appearance arranged by request of the Student Government Academic Freedom Week Committee, after an earlier appearance had drawn only a handful of students, chiefly because of an unnecessary lack of newspaper publicity as the editorial comment in the student newspaper observed the next day." The article noted that more than 100 students attended the debate.

"The Worker", issue of May 25, 1958, page sixteen, column five, contains an article entitled "City Hearing At Power Plant Deal Urged." The article states as follows:

"The New York State CP has urged Mayor Wagner to call an immediate public hearing on the 'deal' with the Consolidated-Edison Company to take over three city-owned power plants.

"Benjamin J. Davis, CP Chairman and William Albertson, Secretary, in a wire, asked for full opportunity 'for other labor and people's organizations to be heard.'

"The Party holds that the sale to Con-Edison would bring about a rise in transit fares."

C. Affiliation In Or
Sympathies With
Communist Front Organizations

Committee To Honor The
Memory of ISRAEL AMTER

T-10 advised on May 28, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON, on May 22, 1958, had stated that the CP was attempting to set up an ISRAEL AMTER Memorial Committee.

T-10 advised on June 18, 1958, that at a meeting of the ISRAEL AMTER Memorial Committee held on June 4, 1958, at New York City, WILLIAM ALBERTSON's name was suggested as one of the proposed sponsors for this Committee.

The ISRAEL AMTER Memorial Committee is documented in the Appendix of this report.

Faculty of
Social Science

T-17 made available on May 15, 1958, a mimeographed announcement concerning the fourth term Faculty of Social Science. This circular contains a list of instructors for the classes, as well as the subject and dates on which the classes would be held. The circular reflects that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would be one of the guest lecturers in the series of classes entitled, "New York: An Analytical Survey." The circular further reflects that the topic of ALBERTSON's lecture would be "The City and It's Peoples."

T-18, on May 19, 1958, and T-19, on May 16, 1958, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the guest lecturer at a class sponsored by the Faculty of Social Science held on May 14, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. ALBERTSON's lecture was entitled, "The City and It's Peoples."

The Faculty of Social Science is documented in the Appendix of this report.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

T-15 advised on June 18, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended the sessions of the United Independent Socialist Election Conference, held on June 13-14, 1958, at the Great Northern Hotel in New York City.

T-16 advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON of the CP attended and spoke at the United Independent Socialist Election Conference held on June 14, 1958, at the Hotel Great Northern, New York City. According to T-16, the purpose of this Conference was to adopt a platform and designate candidates for offices in the 1958 New York State elections.

The United Independent Socialist Election Conference is documented in the Appendix of this report.

PART II

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

T-20 advised on July 24, 1958, that as of that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was an employee of the New York State Communist Party (CP) receiving a weekly net salary of $62.55.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

National CP Meeting

T-21 advised on May 10, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA held that date at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. ALBERTSON, at this meeting, gave a report on the forthcoming 1958 New York elections.

New York State CP Committee Meetings

T-22 advised on July 19, 1958, that on that date, a meeting of the New York State CP Committee was held at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, commencing at 11:35 a.m. At this meeting, WILLIAM ALBERTSON delivered the main report, which was concerned with the organization and the status of the New York State CP. ALBERTSON preferenced his remarks by commenting

on the crisis in the Middle East. He stated that America must resort to war to gain its own ends, while the socialist sector of the world is moving its forces to hold and hinder the warlike actions of the capitalist world.

T-22 advised further the the main line of ALBERTSON's report on the New York State CP was approved by the Committee.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, on July 19, 1958, at 10:34 a.m.

T-23 advised on May 24, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee held on that date at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

T-23 advised that ALBERTSON gave a report on the 1958 New York State elections at this meeting, and also presented a resolution calling for an end to factionalism within the New York State CP, which was adopted by the Committee.

New York State CP
Board Meetings

T-24 advised on August 18, 1958, the New York State CP Board held a meeting on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City, commencing at 8:18 p.m.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter CP Headquarters, New York City, on August 18, 1958, at 7:31 p.m.

T-21 advised on July 17, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Board held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City.

T-21 advised on July 7, 1958, that on that date, a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held at CP Headquarters, New York City, commencing at 8:1[illegible] p.m. At this meeting BILL ALBERTSON delivered a report concerning the possibility of running a CP candidate for office in the 1958 New York State elections and proposed that BENJAMIN DAVIS, Jr., New York State CP chairman should run for the office.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter CP Headquarters, New York City, on July 7, 1958, at 7:27 p.m.

T-21 advised on June 16, 1958, that on that date, a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, commencing at 8:01 p.m.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter CP Headquarters, New York City, on June 16, 1958, at 8:58 p.m.

T-21 advised on May 19, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The main discussion at this meeting had to do with factionalism within the New York State CP. According to T-21, ALBERTSON spoke on this subject, attacking factionalism, stating that the general direction of the factionalist was in only one direction, to destroy the Party. He blamed those members present as permitting the situation to go on and stated "We have no right to be on the State Board when we permit this kind of factionalist activities to eat away [redacted] the Party." ALBERTSON proposed a motion calling for the end of factionalism within a thirty day period, which was adopted by the Board.

T-21 advised on May 12, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Board meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda for this meeting was a report on May Day and a discussion on factionalism.

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New York State CP
Staff Meetings

T-21 advised on the dates indicated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended New York State CP Staff Meetings held at CP Headquarters, New York City on those dates:

May, 8, 1958	May 15, 1958
May 19, 1958 May 29, 1958	May 22, 1958
June 9, 1958	June 12, 1958
June 19, 1958	June 26, 1958
July 17, 1958	July 24, 1958

T-21 advised on May 19, 1958, that at the New York State CP Staff meeting held that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as chairman of the meeting, which dealt with the reorganization of the New York State CP leadership and other organizational matters.

New York State CP
Industrial Board Meetings

T-25 advised on May 14, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board held that date in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

T-25 advised on May 7, 1958, that on that date a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board was held in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, commencing at 7:40 p.m. T-25 advised that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting.

Special Agents of the FBI observed BILL ALBERTSON enter Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City, during the period 6:50 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. on May 7, 1956.

T-26 advised on April 23, 1956, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Industrial Board meeting held that date at Adelphi Hall, New York City.

T-27 advised on April 9, 1956, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board held that date at Adelphi Hall, New York City. According to T-27, ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting concerning the leadership of the New York State CP Industrial Division and also was elected to a committee to draft a labor policy statement for the New York CP Industrial Division.

T-31 advised on March 26, 1956, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board held that date at Adelphi Hall, New York City, and led a discussion concerning the leadership in the CP Industrial Division.

Other CP Meetings

T-24 advised on August 25, 1956, that the Trial Board to hear charges of factional activity against ANGEL TORRES and ARMANDO ROMAN, both members of the New York State CP Committee, was held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on that date. T-24 stated that BILL ALBERTSON preferred the charges against the two, charging them with violation of the Constitution of the CP,USA and of a resolution passed by the New York State CP Committee.

T-21 advised on August 3, 1956, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a meeting composed of other CP functionaries at CP Headquarters, New York City, on that date. At this meeting the recent events in the Smith Act

Cases were discussed along with overall CP Election Policy. T-21 advised on July 10, 1958, that on that date, a meeting of the New York State CP Leadership was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. T-21 stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as Chairman of this meeting, at which the formation of various commissions within the New York CP was discussed.

T-29 advised on June 23, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Brooklyn CP County Committee held on that date in Room 3, Parkway Plaza, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. ALBERTSON gave a report on the 1958 New York Elections.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 3, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, on June 23, 1958.

T-30 advised on April 29, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a CP meeting held on that date at Adelphi Hall, New York City. ALBERTSON acted as Chairman of this meeting, which was described by him as a meeting of organizational department functionaries.

Positions Held in the CP

T-28 advised on July 9, 1958, that at a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board held that date in New York City, BILL ALBERTSON, New York State CP Secretary was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy on the CP, USA National Committee from the New York State Industrial Division.

T-22 advised on July 19, 1958, that at a New York State CP Committee meeting held that date in Yugoslav Hall, New York City, the Committee approved the proposal of the New York State Industrial Board that BILL ALBERTSON be elected to the National Committee, CP, USA.

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T-21 advised on May 22, 1956, that at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff and some County CP Organizers held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City, it was decided that WILLIAM ALBERTSON be assigned to make a two week study of and to discuss with the various Counties, the formation of a New York State CP Youth Commission.

Comments On the Jewish Question in the Soviet Union

T-21 advised on May 8, 1956, that on that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Staff meeting held at CP Headquarters, New York City. T-21 advised that the two main topics of discussion at this meeting were factionalism and the Jewish question. ALBERTSON commented on the latter topic and stated that he was in agreement with the Soviet Party's position on the Jewish question. ALBERTSON cautioned against precipitant or unwise action in writing to the Soviet Union complaining of the position of the Soviets on the Jewish question. He suggested rather, that the CP,USA write the Soviets pointing out what has been reported in the American press on this situation and stating that the CP,USA would like the Soviets denial as quickly as possible because of the division it has been causing in the Jewish communities here.

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COMMITTEE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF ISRAEL AMTER, aka: Israel Amter Memorial Committee

On 5/28/56, a confidential informant advised that he had learned from a CP functionary that the CP was at that time attempting to set up an ISRAEL AMTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

On 6/20/56, a confidential informant furnished a copy of an undated mimeographed letter bearing the heading "Committee To Honor the Memory of Israel Amter" which reflects that the Committee To Honor the Memory of Israel Amter has been formed for the purpose of raising approximately $1500 to erect a memorial at the grave of Israel Amter in Kensico Cemetary, Valhalla, NY, and to sponsor the publishing of a book written by Sadie Amter "On The Fifty Years of Activity and Devotion to Socialism of Israel Amter and Sadie Amter".

The first informant advised on 6/18/56, that the Israel Amter Memorial Committee was set up on the initiative of the New York State Committee of the CP.

The first informant advised on 7/21/56, that the Israel Amter Memorial Committee was at that time using the residence of Charles Hendley, [redacted] as its mailing address. b6 b7C

The "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on 1/13/58, in its October, 1941 issue described SADIE VAN VEEN and her husband, ISRAEL AMTER, as charter members of the CP in the 1920's.

COMMITTEE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF
ISRAEL AMTER, aka: Israel Amter
Memorial Committee (CONT'D)

The first informant advised on 3/3/58, that at that time CHARLES HENDLEY, [redacted] was a member of the Section Committee, Northwest Section, Bronx County CP. b6 b7C

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the CP in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "people who can't come into the Party and to the fringe groups." The informant stated that WEISS had advised that he (WEISS) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that WEISS had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On October 1, 1957, another confidential source advised that WEISS also stated that efforts were being made to re-establish an education system and to reorganize a central school. According to the source, an announcement was to be made that a faculty of social science was being formed to have a series of classes in rooms at Academy Hall. The source stated that WEISS was of the opinion that no attempt to organize a formal school should be made.

On October 2, 1957, another confidential source advised that on October 1, 1957, HAROLD COLLINS had reserved rooms at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, for meetings of the "Faculty of Social Science" from October 21, 1957, to December 19, 1957.

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by HAROLD COLLINS. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the school" or as "Classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (CONT'D)

On August 13, 1956, another confidential informant advised that the Faculty of Social Science had leased space at 799 Broadway, New York City, from August 1, 1956, to July 31, 1959, to be used as an office and classrooms.

The "Daily Worker" for April 6, 1956, page four, column one, refers to MAX WEISS as a "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

On February 4, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS attended a meeting of the Educational Committee of the New York State CP, which meeting took place that date at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

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UNITED INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST
ELECTION CONFERENCE

"The New York Times" of May 26, 1956, on page 18, carried an article headlined "Leftists in Drive For State Ticket". This article related in part:

"Left-wingers are moving ahead with plans for a state ticket in this years elections. This would pull together elements of the defunct American Labor Party (ALP) and the continuing Socialist Workers Party, a Trotskyite group.

SWP Headquarters said yesterday that its National Committee had proposed a joint ticket last February. It urged its members to attend."

"The New York Times" for June 14, 1956, page 14, in an article entitled "Left Wing Parley In Dissent", and sub-titled "Reds Favor Lone Candidate on United Fall Ticket----------" related in part:

"Dissension began to develop last night at the opening session of a three-day conference called to pick a united left-wing state ticket for the fall election."

The article further related that about 300 people attended the opening session and listed members of the former ALP and Progressive Party, CP, SWP and other splinter groups as taking part in the conference.

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UNITED INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST
ELECTION CONFERENCE (CONT'D)

"The Militant" headlined its June 8, 1946, edition "Drive Opens For United Socialist Ticket in New York," and, in a front page editorial in the same issue, referring to the 14 and 15, 1946, "a conference to put a united Independent - Socialist Ticket on the New York ballot this fall...", related:

"The issuance of a conference call marks a renewal in a key state of the socialist tradition of challenging the two Big Business Parties at the polls. By implementing the call, New York socialists not only have the opportunity to spread the socialist message at a time when popular interest in political issues is at its height, but also the means to remove socialism from the realm of abstract propaganda."

The editorial further set out:

"For our part we of 'The Militant' pledge our maximum resources to rallying support for the kind of fighting united socialist campaign that New York has needed for a long time."

The SWP and the CP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the SWP.

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UNITED INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST ELECTION CONFERENCE (CONT'D)

The Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91, contains the following concerning the Progressive Party: "Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political front organizations such as the Progressive Party. * * * The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 7.)

"2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists

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are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 29.)"

On October 7, 1957, Peter Hamby, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 9/29/58

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Enclosed herewith are the originals and three copies each of the report and letterhead memorandum of SA [redacted], dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/26/58, at New York.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) ON 11/20/77

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Internal Security Act of 1950 has been added to the character of this case according to the instructions set forth in Bulet to New York, dated 7/23/58.

Part I of this report is admissable evidence and Part II is inadmissable evidence.

NY 694-S* advised on 5/29/58, that on 5/28/58, he conferred with ROBERT THOMPSON, CP,USA Organisational Secretary, who told NY 694-S* that as a result of an agreement with the Government, THOMPSON had received a reassignment of $30,000 worth of bonds he posted as bail. THOMPSON cashed a $5,000 bond, giving $2500 to BILL ALBERTSON to hold for the New York State CP and retaining $2500 for the use of the National Office, CP,USA. THOMPSON also gave ALBERTSON $10,000 in bonds to hold for the benefit of the New York State CP. This information was not reported in the details, inasmuch as by its very nature, it would tend to identify NY 694-S*. (S) (U)

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Surveillances

Various Special Agents observed ALEXEYEV entering and/or leaving CI Headquarters, New York City, on an almost daily basis during the period 6/-/58 through 9/-/58. Their identities are set forth in the logs covering these surveillances, which are maintained in NY 100-4931-Sub 0.

The following Special Agents conducted the surveillances set forth in the details:

Date	Agents
6/23/58	SA SA SA SA SA
7/16/58	SA SA SA
7/22/58	SA SA SA SA SA SA
7/19/58	SA SA
8/21/58	SA SA

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Date	Agents
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6/10/58	SA SA
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6/23/58	SA SA
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T-2 NY 559-S*	6/28-29/58 5/10/58			100-129629-2057, 2082 [redacted]
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T-6 [redacted]	5/23-24/58 5/17/58			[redacted]
T-7 [redacted]	8/2/58			
T-8 [redacted]	7/31/58			
T-9 [redacted]	7/31/58			
T-10 NY 584-S*	5/20/58 5/22/58 8/4/58 ALBERTSON's position in NYS, CP	9/17/58	SA [redacted] P. [redacted] (Orally)	Instant Report
T-11 [redacted]	4/25/58			[redacted]
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T-16 [redacted]	6/14/58			
T-17 [redacted]	FSS Circular			100-133594-1E10 (5)
T-18 FS [redacted]	5/14/58			[redacted]
T-19 [redacted]	5/14/58			
T-20 NY 8047-S*	7/24/58			
T-21 NY 2179-S*	5/10/58 7/17/58 7/7/58 6/16/58 5/19/58 5/12/58 5/8/58			

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T-23 NY 1995-S*	5/24/58			
T-24 NY 2259-S*	8/18/58 8/25/58			
T-25 NY 2257-S*	5/14/58 5/7/58			
T-26 NY 2277-S*	4/23/58			
T-27 NY 2257-S*	4/9/58			
T-28 NY 2235-S*	7/9/58			
T-29 NY 2122-S*	6/23/58			
T-30 NY 2220-S*	4/23/58			
T-31 NY 2216-S*				
T-32 NY 654-S*	Used to document ROBERT THOMPSON			

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NY 38[illegible]-S* and [redacted] were used to document the ISRAEL [illegible] Memorial Committee.

NY [illegible]-S*, NY 1[illegible]-S*, Mr. CHARLES [illegible], Manager, Academy Hall, New York City, [redacted] Mr. HARRY [illegible], Leasing Department, Cross and Brown, [illegible] Madison Avenue, New York City, and NY 617[illegible]-S* were used to document the Faculty of Social Science.

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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason) it contains information furnished by T-30 through T-31, which are highly confidential investigative techniques and because it contains information furnished by T-1 through T-19, and T-32, who are sources who are currently furnishing information. If this were disclosed, it could possibly lead to the revealing of the identities of these techniques and sources and seriously hamper investigations of subversive activities and be injurious to the National Defense.
8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ALBERTSON is the secretary of the New York State CP as set forth in the details of this report.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
September 29, 1950

NY 100-129629

Re: William Albertson
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Internal Security Act - 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b6 b7C

Informants T-1 through T-24, T-28, T-29 and T-32 have all furnished reliable information in the past.

Informants T-25, T-26, T-27, T-30 and T-31 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

Confidential informants mentioned in the Appendix of the report have furnished reliable information in the past or were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99)(65-38100)
(Attn: Asst. Dir. A. H. BELMONT)

DATE: 1/19/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] (100-129629)

SUBJECT: IS - C

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReBulet 11/18/58

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is a recent addition to the National Committee, CP,USA and is therefore being selected as a person to approach under the TOPLEV program.

I. BACKGROUND

ALBERTSON, a white male, born 5/7/10 Odessa, Russia, claims derivative citizenship through mother; divorced FRANCINE ALBERTSON, 1954; remarried 1955 [redacted] Negro; one child age two; education two years pre-medical University of Pittsburgh, expelled for campus CP activities; resides Apt. 12A, 520 West 110th St., NYC; employed as Secretary, NYS CP, 23 West 26th St., NYC.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION

Secretary to Peter V. Cacchione, NYC Councilman, CP, 43-47. Co-defendant convicted in Pittsburgh Smith Act case, indictment later dismissed. Employed by NYS CP in "party defense assignment" 1956. Assistant to Chairman of Industrial Division, NYS CP, 1956. Currently organizational secretary of NYS CP and also National Committee member, CP,USA. During recent factional dispute, ALBERTSON aligned himself with BENJAMIN DAVIS in fight against the right-wing group in the NY District.

III. PLAN OF APPROACH

Authority is requested to contact ALBERTSON pursuant to instructions relating to the TOPLEV program. If granted ALBERTSON will be approached away from his residence and employment.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Reurlet dated 1-19-59.

Authority is granted to contact Albertson whenever feasible in accordance with outstanding instructions under the Toplev Program.

If this interview is not conducted within 30 days, follow instructions contained in Section 87 D (7) (e) XI, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the Security Index. He is employed as secretary of New York State Communist Party, 23 West 26th Street, NYC., and resides in Apt. 12A, 520 West 110th Street, NYC.

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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	JOHN F. LANGTRY	mfm

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NEW YORK:

At New York, New York

Will continue through established sources and informants attempt to develop information concerning WILLIAM ALBERTSON's activities in contacts within the CP.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Various Special Agents observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC, on an

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almost daily basis during the period of 9/9/58 through 12/17/58. Their identities are set forth in the logs covering these surveillances which are maintained in NY file 100-4931, Sub 0.

On 9/26/58, SAS [redacted] and [redacted] observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON at Carnegie Hall, NYC. b6 b7C

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	NY T-1 NY 384-S*		[redacted] (U)
(U)	NY T-2 CG 5824-S*		100-129629-2198 100-129629-2336 100-129629-2297 100-129629-2289 100-129629-2275 100-129629-2442 b7D 100-129629-2460 100-129629-2380 100-129629-2405
(U)	NY T-3 NY 694-S*		100-129629-2439
(U)	NY T-4 NY 559-S*		100-129629-2339
(U)	NY T-5 [redacted]		100-129629-2342 100-129629-2467

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(U) NY T-20		(U)
(U) NY T-21 (Self-admitted CP Member 1943-1957) (By Request)		(U)
(U) NY T-22		(U)
(U) NY T-23 Former Potential Panel Source NY		100-129629-2471
(U) NY T-24		100-129629-2481

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(U) (C) NY T-25 [redacted]		100-129629-2440 b7D
(U) (C) NY T-26 NY 1623-S*		100-129629-2294
(U) (C) NY T-27 NY 2017-S*		100-129629-2422
(U) (C) NY T-28 NY 2359-S*		100-129629-2368 100-129629-2461 100-129629-2267
(U) (C) NY T-29 NY 2362-S*		100-129629-2413
(U) (C) NY T-30 NY 2358-S*		100-129629-2230 100-129629-2445 100-129629-2299 100-129629-2245 100-129629-2270 100-129629-2293 100-129629-2296 100-129629-2360 100-129629-2414 100-129629-2448
(U) (C) NY T-31 NY 2179-S*		100-129629-2287
(U) (C) NY T-32 BU 206-S*		100-129629-2304
(U) (C) NY T-33 BU 205-S*		100-129629-2468

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(U) NY T-34 [redacted]	Documentation of MILTON ROSEN (U)	100-129629
(U) NY T-35 NY 2384-S*		
(U) NY T-36 [redacted]	(U) [redacted]	100-129629-2318
(U) NY T-37 NY 2379-S*		
(U) NY T-38 NY 2353-S*		100-129629-2459

NY 694-S*, NY 1857-S* and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Leasing Department, Cross and Brown, 270 Madison Avenue, NYC, and NY 2179-S*, were used to document the Faculty of (U) Social Science.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following information is being set forth in the Administrative Section inasmuch as the information furnished by these informants is known only to a few members of the CP.

CG 5824-S* advised on 9/29/58, that during the (U) week of 9/14/58, the Auditing Committee of the CP reviewed the financial apparatus of the CP, USA. During this week, according to the informant, ISADORE WOFSY stated that he

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(U) had met with BEN DAVIS, BOB THOMPSON, and BILL ALBERTSON concerning financial problems with the NY State CP. (C)

(U) NY 694-S* advised on 10/17/58, that ISADORE WOFSY had been made a member of the CP, USA Financial Committee. (C)

NY 694-S* advised on 10/22/58, that a meeting of the CP, USA Financial Committee was held on this date. During the meeting one of the members indicated that BILL (U) ALBERTSON was one of the persons to meet with to discuss both the Brooklyn and NY State CP financial set up. (C)

In this report Part I is admissable evidence and Part II inadmissable evidence concerning the subject's CP activities. (U)

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7. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason) information reported by the following informants would reasonably result in their identity, the result of which would compromise their continuous activities, and future value and effectiveness. [NY T-1 to NY T-25, NY T-34 and NY T-36.] The information furnished by the following informants was obtained through confidential techniques the disclosure of which would compromise their continuous activities and future effectiveness. [NY T-26 through NY T-33, NY T-35,]
8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) WILLIAM ALBERTSON is a member of the CP,USA National Committee as set forth in the details of this report.

7 continued: [NY T-37, and NY T-38.] If the above listed informants identities were disclosed at this time it would be prejudicial to the best interests of the national security.

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Report of: SA JOHN F. LANGTRY Office: NEW YORK
Date: January 28, 1959

File Number: New York 100-129629
Bureau 65-38100

Title:
WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 520 West 110th Street, NYC. ALBERTSON, the NY State Secretary of the CP, stated in August, 1958, that he had been elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA. ALBERTSON attended National Executive Committee meetings of the CP, USA in NYC, (U) (C) September 19 through 21, 1958 and November 18 and 20, 1958. ALBERTSON in attendance at NY State CP Committee meetings held in NYC, September (U) (C) 12 and 13, 1958, also attended Bronx CP County Committee meeting July 30, 1958, and a CP meeting in Buffalo in November, 1958. ALBERTSON attended NY State CP youth meetings during September, 1958 (C) (U) and was in attendance at the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA held at Carnegie Hall on September 26, 1958. During November, 1958, ALBERTSON spoke at a forum of the Faculty of Social Science. ALBERTSON attended meetings of (U) CP functionaries held during September and October, (U) (C) 1958 in NYC and also attended NY State CP board (U) and staff meetings held during August, September (C) and October, 1958. Other CP activity concerning WILLIAM ALBERTSON is set forth.

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PART I

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOHN STEVENS, superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, advised SA JOHN F. LANGTRY on January 9, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides in Apartment 12A, 520 West 110th Street, New York City. (U)

B. Communist Party (CP) Position

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

(U) [NY T-1 on September 2, 1958,] reported that in August, 1958, BILL ALBERTSON, New York State Secretary of the CP, said that he had been elected at the last meeting of the New York State Committee of the CP to membership in the National Committee of the CP, USA.

ALBERTSON, at this time, stated that the New York State Committee is starting a campaign to recruit 600 members into the CP. The recruiting drive is supposed to end on December 31, 1958, but ALBERTSON doubted if the goal could be reached by that time. He added that "we" will have to extend the recruiting campaign for another six months. (U)

(U) [NY T-2 on August 18, 1958,] made available a mimeographed letter printed on the letterhead of the CP, USA. This letter was dated May 16, 1958, and addressed "To The Members Of The National Committee" and signed "BOB THOMPSON". [redacted] (U)

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(U) This letter dealt with a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA, which had been held on May 9 and 10, 1958. This letter set forth the information that Comrade BILL ALBERTSON, Executive Secretary of the New York District, was in attendance for some of these meetings. It also stated that ALBERTSON had given a report on the New York election.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, page 14, column 15, listed BOB THOMPSON as a member of the CP National Executive (U) Committee and Executive Secretary of the CP.

(U) NY T-2 advised on September 30, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a member of a subcommittee which drew up a plan of work in relation to the circulation of "The Worker". A report of this work was given by a member of (U) this committee during a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CP held September 19 through 21, 1958, (U) in New York City.

On September 29, 1958, NY T-3 provided a five page mimeographed letter, dated September 29, 1958. According to NY T-3, this letter contained a summary of a report on the "situation, prospects, and tasks in relation to the circulation and finances of 'The Worker'" given at the National Executive Committee meetings of the CP (U) held in New York City on September 19-21, 1958.

According to the letter, this report was based on a plan of work drawn up by the subcommittee of which ALBERTSON was a member.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

1. National CP Meetings

NY T-2 advised on September 19, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had attended the September 19, 1958 session of the National Executive Committee meeting of (U) the CP held that date as an invited guest.

NY T-2 on September 20, 1958, stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at the second session of the National Executive Committee meeting held on this date and spoke on a youth march for integration in schools scheduled (U) for October 11, 1958.

(U) NY T-2 stated on September 21, 1958, that ALBERTSON attended, as an invitee, the National Executive Committee (U) meeting held in New York City on September 21, 1958.

(U) NY T-2 reported that at the September 21, 1958 meeting ALBERTSON was one of those taking part in a discussion on factionalism. According to NY T-2, ALBERTSON reported that some time ago the New York District had passed a resolution which gave all factionalists 30 days to break away from factional groupings. After the 30 day period had elapsed, the New York District called in some of these people one of them being PETE GOODMAN, from the Waterfront Section of the CP. According to ALBERTSON, GOODMAN came but brought twelve members from the Waterfront Section with him and said that if he was going to have a hearing he wanted these persons present. The New York CP district leadership did not meet with GOODMAN because of this.

NY T-4 advised on September 24, 1958, that ALBERTSON, as an invited guest, attended the September 21, 1958 session of the National Executive Committee meeting of (U) the CP, USA held September 21, 1958.

On November 19, 1958, NY T-2 advised that a meeting of the National Executive Committee was held on November 18, 1958, with BILL ALBERTSON in attendance as an (U) invited guest.

On November 21, 1958, NY T-2 advised BILL ALBERTSON had attended the November 20, 1958 session of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA held in New York (U) City.

(U) 2. New York State CP Meeting

(U) NY T-5 on September 15, 1958, stated that the New York State CP Committee met in New York City on September 12 and 13, 1958. NY T-5 stated that ALBERTSON had attended the meetings which were devoted to discussions on the New York Labor Movement and Party policy and tasks in the current election campaign.

(U) 3. CP Meetings

NY T-1 on September 2, 1958, stated that a meeting of the Bronx County Committee of the CP was held July 30, 1958, at 1453 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

(U) NY T-1 stated that BILL ALBERTSON came to this meeting to "explain the New York State CP stand on the 1958 election campaign in New York State".

ALBERTSON in his report stated that the CP objective was to win sections of the Labor Movement and to demand a special session of the New York State Congress to enact legislation for extension of unemployment insurance. ALBERTSON also stated that BEN DAVIS' election campaign will help the CP in its struggle for the legality of the CP and will guarantee a true socialist voice in the election campaign.

"The Worker" issue of October 26, 1958, page 3, identifies BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. as chairman of the New York State CP.

(U) On November 25, 1958, NY T-5 advised BILL ALBERTSON had attended the Upstate New York CP Conference held in Buffalo on November 23, 1958, and delivered a report to the people present.

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(U) 4. CP Youth Meetings

(U) NY T-6 stated on September 9, 1958, BILL ALBERTSON attended on September 6, 1958 a meeting of the New York Youth Committee in New York City. According to the informant, ALBERTSON termed the meeting as an extension of prior subcommittee meetings to form the basis of a Marxist-Leninist youth organization to be submitted to the New York State Committee of the CP.

(U) NY T-6 characterized the New York Youth Committee as the organizational name of a temporary committee composed of Marxist-Leninist youth clubs engaged in forming an organized Marxist-Leninist youth group at the direction of the New York State Committee of the CP.

(U) NY T-6 advised on September 15, 1958, that a meeting of the New York Youth Committee was held September 13, 1958, in New York City with several national CP leaders in attendance. During the meeting, according to NY T-6, a motion was passed to set up a committee of six to plan for the next meeting and to consult with and co-ordinate this meeting with BILL ALBERTSON.

(U) NY T-6 stated on September 22, 1958, that a meeting of the New York Youth Committee was held September 20, 1958, with BILL ALBERTSON in attendance. According to NY T-6, ALBERTSON told the group that the New York State CP board wants to institute a Party youth group in each community. ALBERTSON also announced that all CP youth clubs organized are temporary until decisions are made.

(U) NY T-6 advised on October 3, 1958, that a meeting of a CP youth club was held October 2, 1958, in Brooklyn, New York. During the meeting, according to NY T-6, one of the members reported on the CP eastern seaboard youth meeting held September 27, 1958, in New York City. NY T-6 reported that it was stated at this meeting that ALBERTSON had attended the eastern seaboard youth meeting.

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(U) On September 16, 1958, NY T-7 reported that on September 6, 1958, the New York State Youth Commission held a meeting under the sponsorship of the New York State CP at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. NY T-7 reported that among those present was BILL ALBERTSON.

(U) NY T-7 stated on September 26, 1958, that it was stated on September 19, 1958, during a youth Marxist study group, that the subcommittee of the New York State Youth Commission was dissolved and in its place two people were appointed by BILL ALBERTSON to act as the subcommittee.

(U) NY T-8 stated on September 9, 1958, that a Communist youth meeting was addressed by BILL ALBERTSON on September 6, 1958. ALBERTSON, according to the informant, told the members that the CP is now trying to organize the youth. He said that at a previous meeting a subcommittee was elected and that this subcommittee was approved by the New York State CP Committee. The informant reported the purpose of the meeting was to plan a Communist youth organization.

(U) NY T-9 advised on October 6, 1958, that during a CP meeting held in Brooklyn on that date it was stated that a teenage youth group was being started and that BILL ALBERTSON would work with this youth group.

(U) 5. CP Activities

During the period of September 9, 1958 through December 17, 1958, WILLIAM ALBERTSON has been observed entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, almost on a daily basis by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(U) NY T-10 on October 3, 1958, stated that he had observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON at CP Headquarters on September 26, 1958, and later observed him at the celebration of the 39th anniversary of the CP, USA held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on this date. According to NY T-10, ALBERTSON made the speech requesting donations for the CP.

(U) NY T-1 on October 1, 1958, reported that BILL ALBERTSON attended the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on September 26, 1958. According to NY T-1, ALBERTSON gave a brief account of the history of the CP and stated "The American CP is dedicated to bring socialism to America".

The following informants advised during September and October, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was chairman of the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on September 26, 1958.

(U) NY T-11 through NY T-20.

Special Agents of the FBI on September 26, 1958, observed the subject acting as chairman of the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA held at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

(U) NY T-21 on July 18, 1958, stated that during his participation in the CP prior to his arrival in Buffalo in 1951 from New York City, that he knew BILL ALBERTSON to be a paid CP functionary.

(U) NY T-1 on December 1, 1958, reported that in November, 1958, BILL ALBERTSON, Secretary of the New York State CP, said that the "Communist Party will have an unofficial delegation at the Cleveland National Conference of American Socialists".

ALBERTSON said that the CP delegation is instructed to fight against the setting up of a new Socialist Party which "as we see it will definitely be dominated by Trotskyites. We are the only Marxist-Leninist party in the United States." (U)

On the question of recruiting of new members for the CP, ALBERTSON said that the BEN DAVIS election campaign showed that there was a good possibility for recruiting new members especially among those who left the Party since the last National Convention. ALBERTSON added that the State Committee had decided to start a recruiting campaign beginning on December 1, 1958, and ending March 1, 1959. (U)

It is noted that the Ohio Sponsoring Committee for a Socialist Conference held a National Conference in Cleveland from November 28 through November 30, 1958. (U)

B. Miscellaneous

1. CP Writings

"The Worker", edition of August 3, 1958, page 16, column 1, contained an article entitled, "The Election Campaign in New York State by WILLIAM ALBERTSON". This article by ALBERTSON started by saying: "Into this market place of ideas and debate the Communists enter with their support for their own candidates and policies but also to advance the immediate needs of the working class and all others who must struggle against exploitation by the economic royalists." (U)

ALBERTSON's article continued discussing the New York State election campaign in relation to Peace, Unemployment Standards and Civil Rights. (U)

"The Worker", edition of August 10, 1958, page 4, column 1, in an article entitled, "The Left in New York Elections by WILLIAM ALBERTSON". This article states in part: (U)

"What are the avenues through which Communists and all other progressives can make their best contribution

to the struggle to withdraw troops from the Middle East to cease nuclear testing to win a special session of the state legislature and to advance independent political action to a higher level? (U)

"Communists have not done enough to convince their fellow unionists to move in this direction nor has enough been done to work along this line with other community forces. There will be no independent political action leading to a third Party without such development."

(U) 2. Faculty of Social Science

NY T-22 on November 18, 1958, stated that Faculty of Social Science had a Sunday evening forum on November 9, 1958, at 74 5th Avenue, New York City and WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the main speaker.

NY T-22 stated that ALBERTSON gave a report on the recent elections. ALBERTSON stated in his address that labor and the left had better start planning for the 1960 election and move a step closer to a Farmer-Labor-Negro-Peoples Party.

NY T-23 advised on November 18, 1958, that a Faculty of Social Science forum class was held on November 9, 1958, featuring a speech by ALBERTSON on the Communist view of the election. The informant stated that ALBERTSON was introduced as secretary of the New York CP.

NY T-24 on November 13, 1958, made availalbe a copy of "Social Science Notes", dated November 10, 1958, put out by the Faculty of Social Science. This issue contained the three weeks schedule of classes to be held by the Faculty of Social Science for the weeks of December 1, 8 and 15. For Tuesdays, December 2, 9 and 16, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was scheduled to teach "problems of left unity".

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NY T-25 on November 12, 1958, furnished a copy of "Social Science Notes", dated November 10, 1958, and issued by the Faculty of Social Science. This copy of the "Social Science Notes" was the same as previously
(U) furnished by NY T-24.

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PART II

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

(U) NY T-26 furnished on September 11, 1958, information reflecting that BILL ALBERTSON was on the New York State CP payroll as of the week ending August 29, 1958.

On September 24, 1958, NY T-27 furnished information reflecting that BILL ALBERTSON was on the New York State CP payroll as of the week ending September 19, 1958.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

1. National CP Meetings

NY T-28 on September 20, 1958, and September 21, 1958, reported that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at an enlarged meeting of the National Executive Committee of the CP, USA on these dates. NY T-28 reported that on September 20, 1958, ALBERTSON spoke on a youth march for integrated schools which was to take place October 11, 1958. At the September 21, 1958, meeting ALBERTSON reported on activities of the New York State CP to combat factionalism within the state organization.

On October 28, 1958, NY T-28 advised that a meeting of CP national functionaries was held on this date with BILL ALBERTSON in attendance. According to NY T-28, election policy of the CP was discussed at this meeting.

On September 30, 1958, NY T-29 reported that a meeting of leading national CP functionaries was held in New York City on this date and that BILL ALBERTSON

(U) attended the latter portion of the meeting. The main topic of discussion at this meeting, according to NY T-29, was a report on union policies.

(U) 2. New York State CP Meetings

NY T-30 on August 18, 1958, reported that a meeting of the New York State CP Board was held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. According to the informant, ALBERTSON was in attendance and led the discussion on the "Ultra-Left". ALBERTSON stated that the "Ultra-Left" had held a conference in August of 1958 and that it was an attempt to split the Party. He declared that the conference took place even though the New York State CP Committee had established a period of thirty days for people to withdraw from their factions and to liquidate the same.

(U) NY T-30 on September 22, 1958, advised that ALBERTSON had participated in a meeting of the New York State CP Board held in New York City on this date. (U) According to the informant, the meeting was devoted to the discussion of the election procedures.

NY T-31 on August 7, 1958, advised that a meeting of the New York State Staff and Co[illegible] Organizers had been held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. (U) According to NY T-31, BILL ALBERTSON was one of those in attendance. This meeting was held August 7, 1958

(U) NY T-31 reported that in discussing the 39th Anniversary of the CP, USA to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on September 26, 1958, ALBERTSON indicated (U) that Carnegie Hall had worked out a "gimmick" whereby technically they rented the hall to him, ALBERTSON, so they would not get into difficulty.

(U) NY T-30 furnished information on August 13, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP staff members was (U) held on this date to discuss the primary elections. During the meeting, BILL ALBERSTON, according to NY T-30, urged

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the mobilization of the Party for organized political action and expressed the view that some thought should be given to the formation of some sort of a permanent political action set up in Harlem.

(U) NY T-30 advised on August 21, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP staff was held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on this date. NY T-30 stated that BILL ALBERTSON, who was at this meeting, gave a report on the activities of BERNARD ADES, which, according to ALBERTSON, were contrary to Party policies.

(U) On September 11, 1958, NY T-14 stated that a meeting of the Bronx County CP Committee was held on (U) September 10, 1958, and that BERNARD ADES was dropped from the Bronx County CP Committee. NY T-14 further advised (U) that BERNARD ADES had previously resigned his position as acting chairman of the Bronx County CP effective August 6, 1958.

(U) NY T-30 on August 28, 1958, stated that a meeting of some of the members of the New York State CP staff was held on this date at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) NY T-30 stated that BILL ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting and said that in an effort to mobilize the Party and as the opening phases of the campaign they should see to it that everyone attend the citywide conference on September 26 at which the Party leadership would be represented and at which the meaning of the DAVIS campaign could be projected in an ideological way.

(U) NY T-30 reported on September 4, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP staff was held on this date at CP Headquarters, New York City. According to (U) NY T-30, BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance.

(U) NY T-30 reported on September 11, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON spoke at a New York State CP staff meeting held on this date concerning election policies of the CP.

(U) NY T-30 furnished information on September 18, 1958, that a meeting of the New York State CP staff was held on this date at CP Headquarters, New York City, with BILL ALBERTSON in attendance. According to NY T-30, ALBERTSON briefed the members on his attempts to organize a youth organization.

(U) On September 25, 1958, NY T-30 advised that a combined meeting of the New York State CP Staff and County Organizers was held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on this date. According to NY T-30, ALBERTSON gave a report on a youth march for integrated schools and suggested that the Party leadership become active in this.

(U) On October 2, 1958, NY T-30 furnished information reflecting that ALBERTSON on this date participated in a meeting of the New York State CP staff at CP Headquarters, New York City. During the meeting, according to NY T-30, ALBERTSON spoke on a CP trial board decision that proposed the expulsion of the leaders of the "ultra-Left" faction which would be published in "TheWorker".

(U) 3. CP Meetings

(U) NY T-28 on August 19, 1958, advised that on this date a meeting was held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, at which time BILL ALBERTSON discussed factionalism within the Party.

(U) NY T-32 reported on August 16, 1958, that an Upstate New York CP Conference was held in Buffalo on this date and that BILL ALBERTSON had been in attendance.

On November 24, 1958, NY T-33 advised that MILTON ROSEN stated on this date that ALBERTSON's reason in attending the Upstate New York CP Conference, held on November 23, 1958, was to offer ROSEN the position of New York State Trade Union Secretary on a full time basis. NY T-33 reported that ROSEN said "ALBERTSON is running the whole Party" and does not receive the help he should from the present trade union secretary.

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(U) On October 20, 1958, NY T-34 identified MILTON ROSEN as the Upstate Co-Ordinator for the New York State CP.

(U) 4. General CP Activities

(U) NY T-1 on September 2, 1958, stated that in August, 1958, MIMI FRIEDLANDER, the Bronx County CP Organizer, stated that BILL ALBERTSON, the Secretary of the New York State CP, was dissatisfied with the work of the Bronx County Committee of the CP.

(U) NY T-35 on September 26, 1958, furnished information reflecting that EVELYN WEINER on that date informed ALBERTSON that a club organizer from the Upper West Side Section was very vicious on the election issue and that the section committee did not want him. ALBERTSON, according to NY T-35, told WEINER to have a branch meeting and remove him (U) from his position and to prefer charges against him.

"The Worker" on November 23, 1958, page 16, identifies EVELYN WEINER as chairman of the New York County CP.

(U) NY T-36 on September 30, 1958, stated that it was announced during a meeting of the Chelsea-Lincoln Square CP Section, held on September 25, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON (U) had requested that all members, who had contributed money to the CP bail fund, be contacted and sign a release thus turning the money over to the CP.

B. Miscellaneous

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(U) NY T-37 on October 1, 1958, reported that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN on this date described BILL ALBERTSON as an "unimaginative, stupid person".

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The July 13, 1958 edition of "The Worker" stated that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN at that time was National Field Organizer of the CP, USA. (U)

On October 16, 1958, NY T-2 reported that some of the leaders of the National CP are suspicious of BILL ALBERTSON based on the fact that he is "loose with women" and has misused funds. The informant reported thatit was (U) felt that ALBERTSON may possibly be an "enemy agent". (C)

On October 22, 1958, NY T-2 advised that during the week of October 12, 1958, a leading CP figure indicated he wanted to "break politically"with ALBERTSON since (U) ALBERTSON had become a "prisoner" of BEN DAVIS. (C)

On October 31, 1958, NY T-38 reported that (U) ALBERTSON on this date had contacted a doctor and complained that he had been having dizzy spells. (C)

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APPENDIX

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that Max Weiss had stated the Communist Party in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "people who can't come into the Party and to the fringe groups." The informant stated that Weiss had advised that he (Weiss) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that Weiss had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On October 1, 1957, another confidential source advised that Weiss also stated that efforts were being made to re-establish an education system and to reorganize a central school. According to the source, an announcement was to be made that a faculty of social science was being formed to give a series of classes in rooms at Academy Hall. The source stated that Weiss was of the opinion that no attempt to organize a formal school should be made.

On October 2, 1957, another confidential source advised that on October 1, 1957, Harold Collins had reserved rooms at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, for meetings of the "Faculty of Social Science" from October 21, 1957, to December 19, 1957.

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by Harold Collins. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the school" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

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On August 13, 1958, another confidential informant advised that the Faculty of Social Science had leased space at 799 Broadway, New York City, from August 1, 1958, to July 31, 1959, to be used as an office and classrooms.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, p.4, column 1, refers to Max Weiss as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

On February 4, 1958, another confidential source advised that Harold Collins attended a meeting of the Educational Committee of the New York State Communist Party, which meeting took place that date at Communist Party headquarters, 23 W. 26th Street, New York City.

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"THE WORKER"

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

"DAILY WORKER"

"Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John F. Langtry, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

(U) Informants [NY T-1 through NY T-38] have furnished reliable information in the past.

Confidential informants mentioned in the Appendix of the report have furnished reliable information in the past or were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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On 2/10/59, SAs [redacted] and [redacted] contacted ALBERTSON in the vicinity of Broadway and West 110th Street, NYC. b6 b7C

ALBERTSON acknowledged his identity and immediately stated he had nothing to discuss with the FBI. He said he was entitled to his own opinions and beliefs, to which statement the agents politely responded in the affirmative. This rapport was immediately destroyed when ALBERTSON was asked if he desired to aid the government in a consultant capacity for which assistance he might earn a respectable additional income. ALBERTSON replied, "There isn't enough money in the US Treasury to pay me. Leave me alone." At this point a third person approached and the interview was terminated.

Although the interview was conducted in a polite fashion, ALBERTSON obviously resented the presence of the the Agents. It is not believed worthwhile to contact him further at this time.

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Part I of this report is admissible evidence, and Part II is inadmissible evidence.

Surveillances

Various SAS observed ALBERTSON entering or leaving CP Headquarters, NYC, during the period 12/19/58 through 3/20/59, and their identifications are set forth in the logs covering these surveillances maintained in NY 100-4931 Sub O.

The following Agents conducted the surveillances mentioned in the details on the dates indicated:

Date	Agent
1/30,31/59	[redacted]
2/1/59	[redacted] JOHN F. LANGTRY
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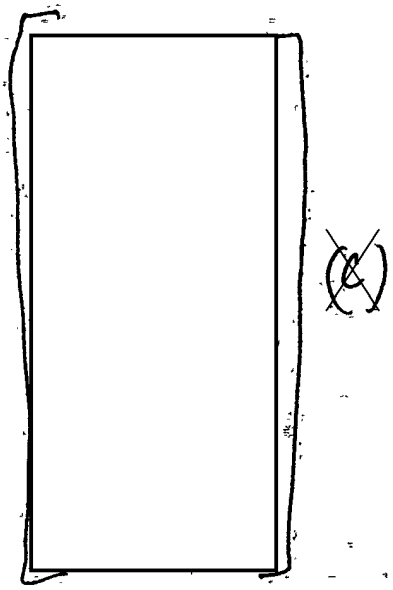
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(U) (C) NY T-31 [redacted]	100-129629-2764
(U) (C) NY T-32 NY 1869-S*	100-129629-2523
(U) (C) NY T-33 DE 744-S*	100-129629-2816
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INFORMANTS (CONTINUED)

The following informants were used to document the organizations mentioned in the Appendix:

ISP	[redacted] and Former	[redacted]
FSS	NY 694-S*,	[redacted]
Committee to Honor the Memory of ISRAEL AMTER	NY 384-S*,	[redacted]

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The following information concerning the subject was not reported in the details as by its nature it would tend to disclose the identity of the informant. (U)

On 1/21/59, NY 694-S* advised that on the same date, he met with ISADORE WOFSY and held a meeting of the CP, USA Finance Committee (Reserve Committee). WOFSY reported that since the first of the year, WOFSY gave the National Office of the CP $2,000 out of the reserve fund to reimburse individuals who had furnished bail bond money to the NY State CP and whom the NY State CP refused to reimburse. BILL ALBERTSON, who refused to reimburse these persons stated the NY State CP was "broke" and as a result of this incident, there was now bad blood between the NY State CP and the National Office of the CP. (TS) (S)

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NY 694-S* on 1/29/59, advised that he was advised on 1/28/59, by LEM HARRIS that BILL ALBERTSON and BEN DAVIS of the NY State CP had requested HARRIS to negotiate a settlement between the NY State CP and GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY with respect to the money owed by CHARNEY to the NY State CP.

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(U) HARRIS stated that the NY State CP is willing to settle with CHARNEY for $48,000. (TS) (S)

NY 694-S* on 3/9/59, advised he learned from LEM HARRIS on that date, that according to GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, accusations of BEN DAVIS and BILL ALBERTSON, that CHARNEY owed the Party $80,000 are completely false. Before paying the Party recently $20,000 through SI GERSON and HARRIS, he, CHARNEY, previously had given DAVIS and ALBERTSON $42,000, $22,000 on one occasion and $20,000 on another. DAVIS and ALBERTSON made no report of these payments by CHARNEY to the National CP office. However,

(U) the NY State CP was well aware of these payments. (TS) (S)

On 1/7/59, NY 694-S* advised that TIM BUCK of the Canadian CP had requested NY 694-S* to identify the CP, USA youth delegate to the Colombo, Ceylon and Budapest meetings of the World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY). BUCK stated that he was making the request on behalf of the Soviets who desired to be advised of this youth's background and history in the CP. Subsequently, NY 694-S* requested CG 5824-S* to make inquiries among the CP, USA leaders about this matter. CG 5824-S* contacted BILL ALBERTSON who advised that the youth referred to was MARVIN MARKMAN. ALBERTSON stated that he knew MARKMAN had been active in "student work" and had become a CP member only a week before he left for the meetings. ALBERTSON said that he would make inquiries concerning MARKMAN. (TS) (S)

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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason) through it contains information furnished by [NY T-1 / NY T-15, (U) and NY T-17 through NY T-22] who are confidential informants currently furnishing information concerning the CP, USA, and [NY T-16, NY T-24 through NY T-35] (U) which are highly confidential investigative techniques, the unauthorized disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the Internal Security of the United States.
8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) ALBERTSON continues in a leadership capacity in the CP as set forth in the details of this report.

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides 520 W. 110th St., NYC. Informants have advised that ALBERTSON was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA and Secretary of the NY State CP; was elected to the Kings County CP staff, 1/16/59; attended National Committee, CP, USA meeting; 12/6,7/58, NYC; National Executive Committee CP, USA meeting, 2/7,8/59, NYC; meeting of the National Appeals Committee, 12/7/58; NY State CP Committee meeting, 1/30,31 and 2/1/59, and 11/15,16/58, NYC; CP functionary meetings, 2/6/59 and 12/12/58, NYC; CP youth meetings in January and February, 1959; Kings County CP Committee meetings, 2/5/59, 1/16/59, 12/19/58, 11/20/58, and Kings County CP Work Conference, 3/6,7/59, NYC; Bronx County CP Section meeting, 11/25/58, NY County CP meeting, 12/30/58, upstate CP Conference, 11/23/58. (U) Informants also reported that ALBERTSON was a subscriber to "The Worker," 1959; instructed class in "Socialist Trends" at FSS, NYC in 1959. ALBERTSON reported to have been Treasurer of the NY State CP, 1958. (U) Other informants reported that ALBERTSON also attended NY State CP Board meetings during November, December, 1958, and January, 1959; NY State CP staff meetings, October, November, December, 1958, and January, 1959. (U) Other CP and CP front activity, interview with subject, and physical description set forth.

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DETAILS

PART I

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOHN STEVENS, Superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] on April 14, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides in Apartment 12A, 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York.

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B. Employment

Communist Party (CP, USA) Position

(U) NY T-1 (C) on March 3, 1959, advised that as of February 24, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA and the Secretary of the New York State CP.

(U) NY T-2 on January 19, 1959, advised that at an enlarged CP Kings County meeting held on January 16, 1959, at Brooklyn, New York, BILL ALBERTSON was elected to the Kings County CP staff as a representative from the New York State CP. (C)

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City on an almost daily basis during the period December 19, 1958 to March 20, 1959.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

The CP, New York District, is commonly referred to as the New York State CP. (U)

(U) (U) NY T-3 on December 9 and 10, 1958, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at the second session of a two-day meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA held on December 7, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, as a representative of the New York District, CP. ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting concerning the prospects of recruiting 300 new CP members in the New York District. (C) (U)

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NY T-4 advised on December 10, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was present at the December 6, 1958 session of the (U) meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA held on December 6 and 7, 1958, at New York City. (C)

Yugoslav Hall was owned and operated by the Yugoslav-American Co-operative Home, Incorporated, which organization has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

(U) NY T-4 on February 9, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA held on February 7, 8, 1959, at CP (U) Headquarters, New York City. The agenda at this meeting included a report on Cuba and discussion of the plan of work for the CP in 1959. (C)

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NY T-3 advised on December 10, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the National Appeals Committee of the CP, USA held on December 7, 1958, (U) between sessions of the National Committee, CP, USA meeting at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

(U) New York State CP Meetings

(U) NY T-5 on February 2, 1959, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee held on January 30, 31 and February 1, 1959, at Alhambra (U) Hall, 15 Second Avenue, New York City. The agenda at this meeting included a report on the Youth March to Washington given by ALBERTSON and discussion of leadership problems in the Brooklyn CP.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Alhambra Hall, 15 Second Avenue, New York City, on January 30, 31 and February 1, 1959 (U)

NY T-5 advised on November 17, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP (U) Committee, November 15, 16, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. The agenda of this meeting included a report and discussion on the 1958 elections and a report on some immediate problems of Party organization. According to (U) T-5, BILL ALBERTSON gave the report at the November 16, (U) 1958, session on CP organization.

(U) NY T-6 on November 18, 1958, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave the main report at the November 16, 1958, (U) session of the New York State CP Committee meeting held at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Yugoslav Hall, New York City, on November 15, 16, 1958 (U)

NY T-7 on February 9, 1959, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was a chairman of a meeting of New York State CP (U) functionaries held on February 6, 1959, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. A report on Cuba was the main point of this meeting.

(U) NY T-8 on February 9, 1959, and NY T-9 on February 16, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-7 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the above meeting on February 6, 1959.

(U) NY T-10 on December 15, 1958, advised that BILL ALBERTSON attended a CP functionary meeting at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, on December 12, 1958. A report on a recent meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA was given at this meeting.

(U) NY T-11 on December 16, 1958, and NY T-8 on December 15, 1958, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-10 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on December 12, 1958.

(U) CP Youth Meetings

(U) NY T-12 advised on March 2, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a CP meeting, to organize a Manhattan Youth Club, which was held on February 28, 1959, at 86 Stanton Street, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON stated that the National Executive Committee of the CP had decreed that there should be CP youth clubs and that the New York State CP Committee agreed with the National Executive Committee decision and would work to carry it out. As a result of this meeting, a CP youth club was formed.

(U) NY T-2 on January 8, 1959, advised that on January 6, 1959, a meeting of the New York State CP Youth Commission was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. BILL ALBERTSON was present at this meeting at which a discussion was held concerning an attempt to organize a Manhattan Youth Branch.

(U) NY T-13 on January 6, 1959, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Youth Commission held at 799 Broadway, New York City, on January 2, 1959. This meeting was largely concerned with student activity.

(U) Kings County CP Meetings

NY T-14 advised on March 9, 1959, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a Kings County CP Work Conference held on March 6 and 7, 1959, at the auditorium at 3200 Coney
(U) Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. At this meeting, CHARLES LOMAN was removed as County Organizer and a committee of three was named to carry on the leadership until an organizer and staff could be elected. There was some confusion as to whether ALBERTSON was to be on this committee. However, ALBERTSON apparently refused to act because of his state work.

(U) NY T-14 advised on March 12, 1959, that concerning the Kings County CP meeting held on March 7, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the individuals nominated to serve on the committee of three to serve as the leadership of the County CP. However, ALBERTSON first accepted but later declined because of his New York State CP commitments and his place was taken by another individual.

(U) NY T-15 and NY T-2 on March 9, 1959, corroborated
(U) the information furnished by NY T-14 concerning the meeting held on March 7, 1959.

NY T-13 advised on February 6, 1959, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the enlarged Kings County CP
(U) Committee meeting held on February 5, 1959, at Brighton Community Center, Brooklyn, New York. This meeting endorsed the action taken by the New York State CP Committee in regard to CHARLES LOMAN, Kings County CP leader.

(U) NY T-2, NY T-14 and NY T-15 on February 6, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-13 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on February 5, 1959.

(U) (U) A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, at 8:18 p.m. on February 5, 1959.

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NY T-2 advised on January 19, 1959, that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP (U) Committee held on January 16, 1959, in a second floor room at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. This meeting was concerned with the reorganization of the Kings County CP staff.

(U) NY T-15 on January 19, 1959, NY T-14 on January 23, 1959, and NY T-13 on January 19, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-2 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on January 16, 1959. (U)

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on January 16, 1959. (U)

NY T-16 on January 16, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present in a second floor room at the Brighton Beach Community Center, Brooklyn, New York on that date.

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NY T-15 on December 22, 1958, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended an enlarged County Committee meeting of the (U) Kings County CP held on December 19, 1958, at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. This meeting was concerned with charges brought by the New York State CP against CHARLES LOMAN, Kings County CP Organizer, for leaving the United States without the authority of the New York State and National CP Committees. It was proposed at this meeting that BILL ALBERTSON be added to the Kings County CP staff. However, this matter was not decided at this meeting.

(U) NY T-2 on December 22, 1958 and NY T-13 on December 21, 1958, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-15 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on December 19, 1958.

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on December 19, 1958. (U)

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(U) NY T-14 on November 26, 1958, advised that an enlarged County Committee meeting of the Kings County CP was held on November 20, 1958, in a second floor room at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting and spoke concerning Party registration.

(U) NY T-16 on November 20, 1958, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present in the second floor classroom at the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on that date, between the hours 10:00 pm. and 11:15 p.m.

(U) Bronx County CP Meetings

(U) NY T-1 on December 2, 1958, advised that on November 25, 1958, a meeting of the Northeast - Northwest Sections of the Bronx County CP was held at the Allerton Community Center, Bronx, New York. The main speaker at this meeting was WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary of the New York State CP, who spoke on the results of the 1958 National and Local elections.

(U) According to NY T-1, ALBERTSON stated that the elections could be considered "as a defeat for the EISENHOWER administration, whose brinkmanship policies were repudiated by the American people". He characterized the elections as "a victory of the American people over the forces of reaction".

Summarizing his report, ALBERTSON said that the task of the CP and progressives in general is to see that the people and labor "shall not be cheated out of their victory". To achieve this "we must work with the people in their organizations. We must work with the Negro people and in the trade unions, teaching and advising them how to retain their present victory and to go on to new and more important victories".

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(U) NY T-17 on December 4, 1958, advised that an open section meeting of the Northeast Bronx CP was held on November 25, 1958, at 683 Allerton Avenue, Bronx, New York. BILL ALBERTSON was the main speaker at this meeting and he gave a report on the results of the 1958 elections. ALBERTSON also made a plea for contributions to "The Worker".

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

(U) NY T-18 on December 4, 1958, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-17 and NY T-1 concerning (U) ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on November 25, (U) 1958.

(U) New York County CP Meetings

(U) NY T-12 on January 7, 1959, advised that a New York County CP meeting was held on December 30, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City, at which WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the principal speaker. ALBERTSON spoke on the forthcoming CP registration and recruiting drives.

(U) Upstate CP Conference

(U) NY T-6 on November 25, 1958 advised that on November 23, 1958, an Upstate CP Conference was held at Buffalo, New York. BILL ALBERTSON, the Secretary of the New York District, CP, attended this conference which was concerned with activities for the upstate New York CP.

Miscellaneous CP Activity

"The Worker", issue of November 16, 1958, page three, column two, contains an article entitled, "New York Elections Results" by WILLIAM ALBERTSON. In this article, ALBERTSON analyzes the results of the New York State elections and attacks the stand taken by the Independent Socialist Party (ISP).

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The ISP is documented in the Appendix of this report. (U)

"The Worker", issue of November 2, 1958, page four, column four, contains an article entitled, "Trotskyites Sell Out The Peace Fight" by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, in which ALBERTSON attacks the election policies of the ISP for failure to follow the election line as laid down by the CP. (U)

(U) NY T-1 on January 22, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Committee for the 35th Anniversary of "The Worker", held on January 6, 1959, at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) NY T-1 on January 6, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of a Special Committee for Organizing the 35th Anniversary Celebration of "The Worker", held on January 2, 1959, at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) NY T-10 on March 13, 1959, made available information that reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 520 West 110th Street, Apartment 12A, New York City, held a renewal subscription to "The Worker" which expired on February 16, 1959.

(U) NY T-19 on January 6, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a dance on January 2, 1959, in New York City, which was held to raise money for the Harlem CP.

(U) On March 16, 1959, NY T-20 furnished a one page mimeographed sheet captioned "Memorandum on the Celebration of May Day, 1959".

This memorandum was issued over the name of "BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Chairman; and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary for the New York State Committee, CP, New York State". This memorandum "urges all clubs" to discuss the May Day Celebration and to "undertake measures for the mobilization of every member and friend personally". (U)

(U) NY T-9 advised on December 24, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was one of the speakers at a testimonial dinner for JOE NORTH held on December 13, 1958, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City.

"The Worker", issue of March 18, 1959, page 14, identified JOE NORTH as being Foreign Editor of "The Worker".

III. AFFILIATION AND/OR SYMPATHIES WITH CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

The FSS is documented in the Appendix of this report.

NY T-10 on December 16, 1958, made available a copy of a schedule for the FSS, Winter term, from January 19, 1959 to March 6, 1959. This schedule reflects that class number nine in "Socialist Trends" would be held Tuesday evenings (U) with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Instructor.

(U) NY T-12 on March 10, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON spoke at a class in "Socialist Trends" held on March 3, 1959, at 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

(U) According to NY T-12, ALBERTSON spoke on the CP's roll as a vanguard party, stating that the CP advocates that the workers, farmers and Negroes get together to oust the Republican and Democratic leaders from office. The Communists say that there can be an anti-monopoly, coalition government in the United States, however, such a government can be elected into office only if democratic channels remain open. An anti-monopoly government can not let a man like J. EDGAR HOOVER remain in office. ALBERTSON said that perhaps an amendment could be made to the Constitution which would take away the property of the Capitalists with or without compensation. In this regard, ALBERTSON continued, this democratic revolution could be peaceful, provided the avenues of discretion remain open. If these avenues were closed, then the only way would be to "smash" the Capitalish system.

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(U) NY T-12 on February 27, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON conducted a class in "Socialist Trends" held on February 24, 1959, at 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with 14 persons present.

(U) NY T-12 advised on February 26, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the main speaker at a class in "Socialist Trends" held on February 17, 1959, at 80 East 11th Street, New York City, at which seven persons attended. During the course of his remarks during the class, ALBERTSON stated that socialism is not going to come to this country unless the majority of the people want it, therefore, the minority must win the majority over by injecting Marxist ideas into the majority.

(U) NY T-12 on February 16, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the teacher for a class in "Socialist Trends" held at 80 East 11th Street, New York City, on February 10, 1959.

(U) On February 11, 1959, NY T-21 advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON conducted a class in "Socialist Trends" at 80 East 11th Street, New York City, on February 3, 1959.

(U) (U) NY T-12 on February 9, 1959, corroborated the (U) information furnished by NY T-21 concerning the class held (U) on February 3, 1959.

(U) NY T-22 on January 28, 1959, advised that BILL ALBERTSON spoke to an FSS class in "Socialist Currents" held on January 27, 1959, at the FSS, New York City. ALBERTSON dealt entirely with the differences between the CP and other Socialist parties. ALBERTSON ridiculed the Socialist parties as being weak. According to ALBERTSON, LENIN said the CP must smash the organs of government of the old Capitalist system and the entire government must be reorganized. The CP would not attempt to rule through the old organs of government as the British Labor Party had done.

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NY T-12 on January 29, 1959, and NY T-21 on February 2, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-22 concerning the FSS class on January 27, 1959. (U)

NY T-21 on January 27, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor of a class in "Socialist Trends" held at the FSS, New York City, on January 20, 1959. At this class, ALBERTSON discussed and critized the Trotskyites who he said could not exist without the CP. (U)

NY T-12 on January 27, 1959 advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the teacher at a class in "Socialist Trends" held on January 20, 1959, at 80 East 11th Street, New York City. (U)

NY T-12 advised that on January 7, 1959, that on December 16, 1958, a class in "Problems of Left Unity" was held at 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as instructor. (U)

"The Worker", issue of November 9, 1958, page three, column two, contains an article entitled, "Sunday Forum on Election Results". The article announces that "1958 elections; a Communist evaluation" would be the topic at the FSS Sunday evening forum at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on November 9, 1958, with WILLIAM ALBERTSON, New York State Secretary of the CP as guest speaker. (U)

People's Rights Party (PRP)

The PRP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

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[redacted] Senior Clerk, Election and Law Bureau, New York, Department of State, Albany, New York, made available to SA [redacted] on December 10, 1958, Photostats of the Treasurer's Reports of the PRP. Report 00527 filed on October 28, 1958, reflects that the PRP received funds from WILLIAM ALBERTSON. (U)

Committee To Honor The Memory Of ISRAEL AMTER

The Committee To Honor The Memory of ISRAEL AMTER is documented in the Appendix of this report. (U)

[NY T-1 on January 22, 1959,] advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Secretary of the New York State CP, was a member of the Committee To Honor The Memory of ISRAEL AMTER. (U)

[NY T-1 on March 19, 1959,] advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Committee To Honor The Memory of ISRAEL AMTER on [March 4, 1959, at 80 East 11th Street, New York City.] (U)

[NY T-1 on February 19, 1959,] advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Committee To Honor The Memory of ISRAEL AMTER [held on February 10, 1959, at New York City.] (U)

[NY T-1 on January 22, 1959,] advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a [donor to the fund to obtain a monument for ISRAEL AMTER's grave and publication of his biography.] (U)

IV. INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT

On February 10, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at which time ALBERTSON stated that he had nothing to discuss with the FBI and that he was entitled to his own opinions and beliefs. (U)

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V. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following physical description of WILLIAM ALBERTSON was obtained by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] by personal observation on February 10, 1959:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	48
Height	5'8"
Weight	175 pounds
Build	Stocky - heavy
Hair	Graying
Complexion	Medium

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PART II

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

(U) NY T-23 on February 18, 1959, advised that as of that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the New York State CP Payroll receiving a gross weekly wage of $92.00 and a net wage of $79.90.

(U) NY T-23 on November 25, 1958, advised that as of that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the New York State CP Payroll receiving a gross weekly wage of $70.00.

(U) NY T-24 on October 30, 1958, advised that at a meeting of the enlarged State staff of the New York State CP held that date, at CP Headquarters, New York City, BEN DAVIS, JR., New York State CP Chairman, stated that BILL ALBERTSON had been serving as Treasurer of the New York State CP.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

(U) National CP Meetings

(U) NY T-25 on December 6, 7, 1958, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA held those dates at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting concerning the building of the CP in the New York District.

(U) NY T-26 on March 3, 1959, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Resident National Executive Committee, CP, USA held that date, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON spoke concerning the proposed fund drive for "The Worker".

(U) NY T-26 advised on February 24, 1959, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Resident National Executive Committee, CP, USA held that date, at CP Headquarters, New York City.

NY T-26 on February 7 and 8, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA held those dates at CP Headquarters, New York City.

ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting concerning the internal situation in the Brooklyn CP

(U) NY T-26 advised on February 3, 1959, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance for part of a meeting of the Resident Members of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on that date. At this meeting, BEN DAVIS gave a report relative to the action taken by the New York State Committee against CHARLIE LOMAN, Brooklyn CP leader.

"The Worker", issue of February 8, 1959, page 16, identifies BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as the Chairman of the New York State CP.

(U) NY T-26 on November 18 and 20, 1958, advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA held those dates, at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) New York State CP COmmittee Meeting

(U) NY T-27 on November 15, 16, 1958, advised that on those dates, BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee held at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. At the November 16 session of this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a report concerning the status of the New York State CP organization.

(U) New York State CP Board Meetings

(U) NY T-24 on January 5, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON served as Chairman of a meeting of the New York State CP Board held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda at this meeting included a report on legislative action.

(U) NY T-24 advised on December 22, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP Board held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda at this meeting included a report on the New York City newspaper strike and the situation in the Kings County CP.

(U) NY T-24 advised on December 15, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a New York State CP Board meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The main report at this meeting concerned conditions in the garment industry.

(U) NY T-24 advised on December 9, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP Board held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. This meeting was concerned with proposals on increasing and implementing the New York State CP leadership.

(U) NY T-24 advised on November 24, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Board held that date, at CP Headquarters, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a "tentative report" on the youth question.

(U) NY T-24 on November 10, 1958, advised that on that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City. Part of the agenda at this meeting included a report on the 1959 elections for submission to the New York State CP Committee.

(U) New York State CP Staff Meetings

(U) NY T-24 advised on January 15, 1959, that on that date, BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP staff, held at CP Headquarters, (U) New York City. Part of the agenda at this meeting included a discussion of the agenda for the next New York State CP Committee meeting.

(U) NY T-24 on December 18, 1958, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the (U) New York State CP staff held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. At this meeting, it was decided that ALBERTSON would be one of the representatives of the New York State CP who would take up policy questions with the Brooklyn County CP staff.

(U) NY T-24 advised on December 4, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New (U) York State CP staff held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda for this meeting included a report by ALBERTSON on the New York State CP leadership question.

NY T-24 advised on November 13, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State (U) CP staff held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. Part of the agenda at this meeting included discussion on the Party registration, fund and press drives.

NY T-24 advised on October 30, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON attended an enlarged CP State Staff Meeting held (U) that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The main point on the agenda at this meeting concerned the situation in the Brooklyn CP organization.

(U) NY T-24 advised on January 8, 1959, December 11, 1958, November 26, 1958, and November 5, 1958, that on those dates, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at New York State (U) CP staff meeting held at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) New York State CP Appeals Commission Meeting

(U) NY T-24 advised on December 29, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Appeals Commission held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) CP Youth Meetings

(U) NY T-28 advised on January 29, 1959, that BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at an enlarged meeting of the New York State CP Youth Commission held that date, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a report on a proposed youth conference.

(U) NY T-24 advised on January 6, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Youth Commission held that date, at CP Headquarters, New York City. This meeting in part included a discussion on proposed activity among college students.

(U) Other CP Meetings

(U) NY T-26 advised on January 27, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting held that date, at CP Headquarters, New York City. Part of this meeting included a discussion of the internal situation within the Brooklyn County CP.

(U) NY T-29 advised on January 21, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a CP meeting held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The main discussion at this meeting concerned legislative activities.

(U) NY T-29 advised on January 16, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a CP meeting at CP Headquarters, New York City, on that date. This meeting was chiefly concerned with the Jewish question.

(U) NY T-26 advised on December 30, 1958, that on that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a CP meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss preparations for "The Worker" Anniversary Celebration.

(U) NY T-24 advised on December 11, 1958, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of some CP functionaries held that date, at CP Headquarters, New York City. This meeting was concerned with amnesty matters.

(U) NY T-30 advised on December 8, 1958, that BILL ALBERTSON attended a CP meeting held that date, at CP Headquarters, New York City, which was concerned with New York State CP literature problems.

(U) NY T-26 on November 11, 1958, advised that on that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a CP functionaries meeting held at CP Headquarters, New York City. This meeting included a discussion of a program for the CP, USA and factionalism in the CP.

B. Miscellaneous CP Activity

(U) NY T-31 on December 19, 1958, made available a one page typewritten letter, dated December 4, 1958, and addressed "Dear Comrade" and states in part "in order to inform the membership of the results of these discussions and decisions as quickly as possible, we are calling a meeting for Friday, December 12, at 8:00 p.m. sharp, at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. There a report will be made on the National Committee meeting, and there will be room for questions and discussion". The letter goes on to invite the addressee to the meeting. The letter is signed "Comradely: BILL ALBERTSON".

NY T-32 on December 5, 1958, advised that on that date, BILL ALBERTSON discussed with BENJAMIN DAVIS, New York State CP Chairman, the proposed trip of CHARLES LOMAN to Africa and Europe. Concerning this, ALBERTSON told DAVIS that if LOMAN did something like this without discussion, DAVIS would have to make a move especially as LOMAN was a member of the National Committee. ALBERTSON said that DAVIS as New York State Chairman, should instruct LOMAN not to go pending instructions, cancel his arrangements until there has been a discussion. Then if (U) LOMAN went, he would be violating a higher Party decision.

NY T-33 on January 19, 1959, advised that on that date, a National CP functionary, while discussing (U) the leadership of the CP, commented that BILL ALBERTSON was a very capable administrator and was a very capable individual.

NY T-34 advised on December 9, 1958, that on that date, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that she did not think much of BILL ALBERTSON and that the only reason he was put in his New York State position was to try to (U) offset BEN DAVIS, but that as a result, he was just an echo for DAVIS.

"The Worker", issue of July 13, 1958, reflects that at that time, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was a National Field Organizer of the CP, USA.

NY T-35 on November 24, 1958, advised that on that date, MILTON ROSEN, Erie County, New York, CP Organizer, (U) had stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who had recently attended a New York State CP Upstate Conference, had attended the conference for the purpose of pursuading ROSEN that the (U) latter should accept the position of trade union secretary for the New York State CP. According to ROSEN, ALBERTSON was running the entire New York State Party by himself and was receiving practically no assistance from MIKE DAVIDOW, the then current Trade Union Secretary.

(U) (X) [NY T-6 on March 23, 1959,] advised that MILTON ROSEN had been promoted to Labor Secretary of the New York State CP. (X) (U)

(U) (X) [NY T-3 on September 26, 1958,] advised that MIKE DAVIDOW was then in charge of the Industrial Region of the New York State CP. (X) (U)

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COMMITTEE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF ISRAEL AMTER, aka: Israel Amter Memorial Committee

On 5/28/58, a confidential informant advised that he had learned from a CP functionary that the CP was at that time attempting to set up an ISRAEL AMTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

On 6/20/58, a confidential informant furnished a copy of an undated mimeographed letter bearing the heading "Committee To Honor The Memory of Israel Amter" which reflects that the Committee To Honor The Memory of Israel Amter has been formed for the purpose of raising approximately $1,500 to erect a memorial at the grave of Israel Amter in Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY, and to sponsor the publishing of a book written by Sadie Amter "On The Fifty Years of Activity and Devotion to Socialism of Israel Amter and Sadie Amter".

The first informant advised on 6/18/58, that the Israel Amter Memorial Committee was set up on the initiative of the New York State Committee of the CP.

The first informant advised on 7/21/58, that the Israel Amter Memorial Committee was at that time using the residence of Charles Hendley, 3210 Fairfield Ave., Bronx, NY, as its mailing address.

The "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on 1/13/58, in its October, 1941, issue described SADIE VAN VEEN and her husband, ISRAEL AMTER, as charter members of the CP in the 1920's.

The first informant advised on 3/3/58, that at that time CHARLES HENDLEY, 3210 Fairfield Ave., Bronx, NY, was a member of the Section Committee, Northwest Section, Bronx County CP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

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INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST PARTY (ISP)

A confidential informant advised on June 18, 1958, that the platform of the Independent-Socialist Party (ISP) was introduced and accepted by the ISP during organizing conferences held on June 13-15, 1958, in New York City. The source stated the ISP platform was one which every member of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) could support and was an SWP platform in every respect.

Another confidential source advised on October 7, 1958, that in his opinion the ISP was dominated and controlled by the SWP and had as its ultimate aim the establishment of a national labor party. This source further advised the hope of the SWP leadership was that the ISP campaign in New York City would develop into a labor party which eventually would become a national labor party in the United States.

From its inception, the ISP has, in numerous public source material, been designated by several variations of its name, the most frequently used being: Independent Socialist Party, United Independent Socialist Election Conference, United Independent Socialist Party, United Socialist Party and the United Independent Socialist Campaign Committee.

The headquarters of the ISP are located at 799 Broadway, New York City.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the Communist Party (CP) in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "People who can't come into the Party and the fringe groups." The informant stated that WEISS had advised that he (WEISS) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that WEISS had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday Evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by HAROLD COLLINS. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the School" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

The schedule of classes for the 1958 Fall Term listed the school as Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with HERBERT APTHEKER as its Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case US versus KUZMA, ET AL (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940, had been consciously guided by what he thought was "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE CONT'D

On June 16, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS was acting in an educational capacity in the New York State CP and as an instructor at a CP cadre training school.

The "DAILY WORKER" for April 5, 1956, pg. 4 column 1, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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New York, New York
May 13, 1959

Re: William Albertson
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

(C) With regard to the informants referred to in this report, [NY T-28] was in a position to furnish reliable information, and all other informants referred to have furnished reliable information in the past.

All informants referred to in the Appendix of this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[NY 2539-S*] advised [3/7/59, that at membership] (C) meeting 3/7/59,] it was voted to remove CHARLES LOMAN as Chairman, Kings County (Brooklyn) CP by vote of 50 for, 15 opposed and 4 abstentions. A decision was made to have committee of three, composed of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, ANNIE FRIEDLANDER and WILLIAM ALBERTSON to serve as the leadership until elections of new staff held.

All pertinent information regarding above meeting will be reviewed and disseminated.

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On 6/17/59, a decision was handed down by the State Supreme Court's Appellate Division, Third Department, declaring WILLIAM ALBERTSON was eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits. Previously, the State Industrial Commissioner had denied the benefits and suspended the National and State CPs as contributing employers to the Unemployment Insurance Fund. The Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board upheld the Commissioner's decision.

In 1956, ALBERTSON had filed a claim for unemployment insurance benefits. Part of the base period in which he had built up benefits had been his employment with the CP. The court noted that there had been no allegations of crime or conspiracy in connection with ALBERTSON's work for the CP.

Albany is requested to check the court records and furnish the Bureau and NY with a transcript of the opinion.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 7/9/59

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Re New York airtel to Bureau 6/18/59.

On 7/6/59 [redacted] Temporary Clerk in the office of the Clerk's Office, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, Albany, New York, furnished SA [redacted] copies of the memorandum decision in the case of WILLIAM ALBERTSON vs. ISIDORE LUBIN, Court Reference No. 1251. b6 b7C

One copy of the memorandum decision is being enclosed for the Bureau and one copy is being enclosed for the New York Office. [redacted] advised this was a unanimous decision on the part of the Appellate Court. -R U C-

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In the Matter of the Claim for Benefits under Article 18 of the Labor Law, made by William Albertson, Claimant-Appellant, Isador Lubin, as Industrial Commissioner, Respondent.

In the Matter of the Liability for Unemployment Insurance Contributions under Article 18 of the Labor Law of Communist Party, U. S. A. and Communist Party of New York State, Employers-Appellants, Isador Lubin, as Industrial Commissioner, Respondent.

Appeals from decisions of the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board.

Claimant-appellant Albertson was employed by the Communist Party, U.S.A., as an assistant labor secretary and testified that his duties were the study of wage trends in the labor movement and preparation of analyses of proposed labor legislation. On July 16, 1956, being unemployed, he filed a claim for unemployment insurance benefits, stating that part of the base period to qualify him for benefits was in employment with the Communist Party; and part with other employers. The Industrial Commissioner denied claimant benefits and suspended the registrations of the national and state Communist parties as contributing employers. On Appeal, the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board affirmed the determinations. The reason for the suspension of the parties is that they constituted a criminal conspiracy and had been outlawed by Congress in the Communist Control Act (68 Stat. 775; 50 U.S.C.A. 841), which enacted (section 3) that the Communist Party is "not entitled to any of the rights, privileges, and immunities attendant upon legal bodies * * * and whatever rights, privileges and immunities which have heretofore been granted * * * are terminated".

The proof is that for twenty years the State Department of Labor had accepted unemployment contributions from the parties (national and state) and the record shows that tax payments under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act are currently being paid by the two Communist parties to the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue. No criminal or conspiratorial act is shown in the record as to the claimant's actual work for the Communist Party. The

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basis of his disqualification is that all the employer's activities are outlawed.

The record demonstrates that the Federal government has not taken any steps to deprive the Communist Party of an ability to perform certain functions of existence, such as renting an office, hiring employees, using the post office or obtaining telephone service in pursuance of the Communist Control Act of 1954. No doubt the State of New York could take such steps in this direction as it might deem warranted. But having permitted the Communist Party to hire and pay the claimant as an employee and to have and maintain offices and to permit claimant to work in its offices, and to file and pay unemployment insurance taxes, the benefits of such payments should be paid in accordance with law.

Besides this, the claimant himself is not shown on the record to be deprived by any law of the United States or of the State of New York of unemployment insurance benefits. No personal disability arising from any personal criminal activity in which he took part is shown in the record to arise from any statute, nor is it demonstrated he is outlawed or deprived of civil rights.

As far as the employer is concerned the requirement to pay an unemployment insurance tax is not an "immunity and right" within the Federal statute, where the employer has been allowed by the State to exist and has been allowed the exercise of other forms of existence, and we see no reason grounded in law why it should not pay the usual tax.

We do not hold that the State may not prevent the Communist Party from engaging in any activity of existence, such as hiring employees or renting quarters; nor do we hold that if a particular hiring is itself shown to be criminal in the actual employment, that the employee is then entitled to benefits for the period of such employment. But if the State permitted the employer to hire employees, with knowledge derived from the payment of taxes and reports made for many years that such employees were hired and working, there seems no legal ground for not applying the tax and granting the benefits as provided by law. This is not

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based on a principle of estoppel, but is a statutory effect of allowing the employment and taking the tax based on it. If it were demonstrated that a specific employment were criminal as distinguished from a status attaching to the employer itself, a different result might become permissible as to the claim for benefits arising from such an employment, but that is not the showing of the reason.

Decision reversed without costs and claim remitted to the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board for further proceedings.

Foster, P. J., Bergan, Gibson, Herlihy and Reynolds, JJ., concur.

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Part I of this report is admissible evidence, and Part II is inadmissible evidence (U)

The following information was not included in the details inasmuch as by its very nature the identity of the informants are revealed: (U)

NY 694-S* advised on 5/19/59, that on 5/18/59, a meeting of the CP, USA Finance Committee (Reserve Fund) was held in NYC. At this meeting PHIL BART, newly appointed CP, USA Organizational Secretary, stated that the NYS CP, being involved in a dispute with the National Office concerning the percentage of Fund Drive receipts to be given to the National Office, had sent in no money as yet to the National Fund Drive. BART said he had conferred with WILLIAM ALBERTSON of the NYS CP concerning this matter and ALBERTSON insists that the amount of "the split" be in accordance with an agreement made with ROBERT THOMPSON: (TS) (S)

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One-third to the NYS CP

One-third to the county in which the funds were raised

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BART would not agree to this arrangement. He stated "it looks like another fight with the NYS". BART said he requested ALBERTSON to return to the CP, USA Finance Committee a list of donors which THOMPSON had made available to the NYS CP, and that ALBERTSON had arbitrarily refused to return the list. (TS) (S)

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides 520 W. 110th St., NYC. Identified as the Secretary of the NYS CP. Informants have advised that ALBERTSON attended National Committee, CP, USA meeting 4/25,26/59, NYC; National Executive Committee, CP, USA meetings 6/9,10,11;4/23,24; 3/21, 22/59, NYC; National CP, USA Youth Conference 5/30, 31/59, NYC; is a member of a committee to prepare a draft of the constitution of the CP, USA; attended CP, USA Trade Union Committee meeting 4/24/59, NYC; NYS CP Committee meeting 4/3,4/59, NYC; Kings County CP Committee meeting 3/24/59; Kings County CP Board meetings 4/1, 15/59; is active in CP youth work; instructed classes at Faculty of Social Science April and May, 1959. Miscellaneous CP activity set forth. Other informants reported ALBERTSON was on the NYS CP payroll, attended NYS CP Committee, Board and Staff meetings during April and May, 1959.

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DETAILS:

PART I

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOSEPH A. MONTALVO, Superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] on July 20, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides in Apartment 12A at that address. (u) b6 b7C

B. Employment

Communist Party (CP, USA) Position

"The Worker" issue of May 10, 1959, Page 16, Column 2, identifies WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the Secretary of the New York State CP. (u)

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper. (u)

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), during the period March 23, 1959 to June 3, 1959, have observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on an almost daily basis. (u)

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C. Attempts to Obtain New York State Unemployment Benefits

The "New York Times" issue of June 18, 1959, Page 9, Late City Edition, contains an article entitled, "Idle Pay Upheld for Ex-Red Aide". The article reflects that in a unanimous decision handed down by the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, at Albany, New York, held on June 17, 1959, that the state must grant unemployment insurance benefits to a man who had worked for the CP. The case involved WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who had been employed by the CP of the United States, as an Assistant Labor Secretary and research analyst. According to the article, ALBERTSON filed a claim in 1956 for unemployment insurance benefits. He said that part of the base period in which he had built up benefits had been his employment with the CP. The State Industrial Commissioner had denied the benefits and suspended the national and state CP's as contributing employers to the Unemployment Insurance Fund. The Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board upheld the commissioner's decision. (u)

The article stated that the court said that the state could, prohibit the party from performing "certain functions of existence" such as renting offices, hiring workers and using the mail, but since the state permitted the party to hire and pay Mr. ALBERTSON as an employee, to maintain offices in which he worked and to pay unemployment taxes "the benefits of such payments should be paid in accordance with law". The court said there had been no allegations of crime or conspiracy in connection with Mr. ALBERTSON's work for the party. He said his duties had been the study of wage trends and analysis of proposed labor legislation. (u)

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of June 18, 1959, Section 2, Page 4, Late City Edition, also contains an article concerning the above. (U)

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

The CP, New York District is commonly referred to as the New York State CP. (U)

A. Evidence of CP Membership

(U) 1. National CP Meetings

NY T-1 on April 26, 1959, advised that on April 25 and 26, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, held at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At the April [illegible], 1959 session of this meeting ALBERTSON participated in the discussion of a report on youth matters given at this meeting. ALBERTSON stated that the CP would have to use all forms in order to influence the youth movement. The Party would have to organize a Marxist - Leninist organization, which will lead a broad youth movement. He added that there was also a need for further organization of the youth who marched to Washington.

(U) At this meeting, according to NY T-1, it was also announced that ALBERTSON was on a committee of three National Committee members who were handling CP youth work, although this was not a youth commission.

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NY T-2 on April 29, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-1 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on April 25 and 26, 1959. (U)

Special Agents of the FBI on April 25 and 26, 1959, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NY T-1 on June 10, 11, and 12, 1959, advised that on June 9, 10 and 11, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the full National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. (U)

The overall agenda for this meeting included a discussion of recent Supreme Court decisions, a report on the CP constitution, a report on the present economic situation in the United States and a report on the Negro resolution. (U)

NY T-1 stated that at the June 10, 1959 session of this meeting, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on a sub-committee which met that date to formulate recommendations for the National Executive Committee regarding the next National Convention of the CP, USA. (U)

NY T-1 on April 23, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters, New York City, as an invitee of the committee. The main point at this meeting were reports on the 21st Congress of the CP, Soviet Union. (U)

NY T-1 advised on April 24, 1959, that on that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters, New York City, as an invitee. (U)

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The main point on the agenda for this meeting was a report on what the CP, USA should stress in pre-convention discussion. (U)

(U) On March 24, 1959, NY T-2 advised that on March 21 and 22, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a non-National Executive Committee member, was present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) At the March 21, 1959 session of this meeting ALBERTSON delivered a report on the status of the internal situation within the Brooklyn CP, and how the New York State CP had intervened into the situation.

NY T-3 on June 2, 1959 advised that on May 30 and 31, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a National CP Youth Conference held at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. The agenda included a discussion of mass work at the May 30, 1959 session and discussion of youth organization at the May 31, 1959 session. (U)

(U) NY T-3 further stated that at the May 31, 1959 session, ALBERTSON made the introductory remarks before the discussion began on youth organization. In his remarks ALBERTSON stated that the CP hoped to inaugurate a separate youth publication in the near future, and that a National Youth Commission would be set up by the Party. (U)

(U) NY T-4 on May 22, 1959, advised that on May 20, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of a committee to prepare a draft of the constitution of the CP, USA, of which he is a member, held at CP Headquarters, New York City.

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NY T-1 on April 27, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of members of the National Committee and leading functionaries of the CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters, New York City. This meeting was called in order to discuss civil liberties and the defense of the CP.

NY T-2 on April 29, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-1 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on April 27, 1959.

NY T-2 on April 29, 1959, advised that on April 24, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CP, USA Trade Union Committee held at CP Headquarters, New York City.

New York State CP Meeting

NY T-5 on April 27, 1959, advised that on April 3 and 4, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP Committee, held at Adelphi Hall, New York City.

At the April 3, 1959 session, ALBERTSON presented a report on the CP National Fund Drive and plans for the New York State CP's participation in that drive.

A Special Agent of the FBI on April 3, 1959, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON approaching the entrance to Room 11C, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

Kings County CP Meetings

NY T-4 on May 8, 1959, advised that on May 6, 1959 a meeting of the Kings County CP Committee was held between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 11:25 p.m. in Room 7, Parkway Plaza, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

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NY T-6 on May 6, 1959, advised that on that date
(U) WILLIAM ALBERTSON entered Room 7, Parkway Plaza, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, at 8:29 p.m.

NY T-7 on April 16, 1959, advised that on April 15, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Board, held at 357
(U) Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting on the New York State CP Fund Drive.

(U) NY T-7 on April 2, 1959, advised that on April 1, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a
(U) meeting of the Kings County CP Board held at 357 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, and a new organizational structure for the Kings County CP was discussed at this meeting.

(U) NY T-7 stated that apparently ALBERTSON was present to watch over the proceedings of the board on behalf of the New York State CP.

NY T-4 on April 6, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-7 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the Kings County CP Board meeting held on
(U) April 1, 1959.

(U) NY T-7 on March 26, 1959, advised that on March 24, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at an enlarged
(U) Kings County CP committee meeting held at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Elections of a new County Staff and Board were held at this meeting.

(U) NY T-8 on March 30, 1959, NY T-9 on March 26, 1959 and NY T-4 on March 27, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-7 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on March 24, 1959.
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(U) NY T-10 on March 24, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present in the second floor classroom of 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

(U) NY T-9 on March 9, 1959, advised that on March 6 and 7, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP membership held at the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. This meeting was primarily for the purpose of discussing and then voting on the New York State CP resolution that the then head of the Brooklyn CP be removed as chairman of the Kings County CP as a result of changes made against him by the New York State CP leadership.

(U) Special Agents of the FBI on March 6 and 7, 1959, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

(U) CP Youth Meetings

(U) NY T-9 on April 17, 1959, advised that on April 16, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of CP youth held in Room 8G, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

(U) NY T-9 further stated that this meeting was sponsored by the New York State CP in order to evaluate the youth situation. At this meeting, ALBERTSON stated that a CP school would be set up soon and asked for volunteers to attend.

(U) NY T-11 and NY T-12 both on April 22, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-9 concerning WILLIAM ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on April 16, 1959.

NY T-9 on March 30, 1959, advised that on March 28, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of CP and progressive non-CP youths held in Room 10C, Adelphi Hall, New York City. This meeting was sponsored by the New York State CP and ALBERTSON acted as chairman.

According to NY T-9, a report on youth was delivered at this meeting that had been previously approved by the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, and which called for a new youth organization to be formed. This organization would have a broad base, membership and approach to youth. It further called for this new organization not to oppose the CP line; it should not be/independent organization and it should engage in struggles and not only in educationals.

NY T-7 on April 2, 1959, and NY T-12 on April 1, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-9 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on March 28, 1959.

NY T-9 on March 23, 1959, advised that on March 19, 1959, a meeting of youth was held at the home of WILLIAM ALBERTSON in Manhattan, New York.

NY T-9 described this as a meeting of a youth committee that was working toward the formation of a national youth organization. ALBERTSON was present at this meeting along with HY LUMER who read a report on youth which he planned to give at the next meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA.

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NY T-9 on March 30, 1959, identified HYMAN LUMER as the National Educational Director, and a member of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA.

(U) (C) NY T-9 on March 11, 1959, advised that on March 10, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of youth held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to hear reports on a four day convention of the CP Youth of Cuba, held on February 21 - 24, 1959, at Havana, Cuba, given by the CP, USA delegates to that convention. ALBERTSON stated that those who attended this meeting were the "cream of the crop" of CP and progressive non-CP youth.

(U) NY T-7 on April 7, 1959, advised that on April 4, 1959, a conference to found a Marxist - Leninist Youth Organization in New York City was held at the Hotel Broadway Central, New York City. (C) Among those present at this meeting was WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

(U) (C) According to NY T-7, after much discussion it was decided that the group present would set up various organizational committees but would form no organization pending the setting of an official line by the National Committee of the CP.

(U) NY T-12 on April 8, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-7 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the conference held on April 4, 1959. (C)

(U) CP Meeting (C)

(U) NY T-13 on April 29, 1959, advised that on April 27, 1959, a CP meeting was held in Room 11B, Adelphi Hall, New York City. (C) WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as chairman for this meeting the main purpose of which was to hear a report by JAMES JACKSON on his recent trip to the Soviet Union.

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(U) According to [NY T-13,] at the conclusion of this meeting ALBERTSON spoke concerning the "frame-up charge and lynching of a 23 year old Negro in Mississippi". His proposal, which was subsequently adopted at the meeting, was that the meeting send a telegram to the President of the United States of America urging the apprehension and punishment of the kidnappers. (u)

(U) [NY T-14 on May 6, 1959,] corroborated the information furnished by [NY T-13 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on April 27, 1959.]

(U) "The Worker" issue of January 4, 1959, Page 16, Column 5, identifies JAMES JACKSON as the Secretary of Negro and Southern Affairs, CP, USA. (u)

B. Miscellaneous CP Activity

The Trade Union Committee, 1959 May Day Celebration, is documented in the Appendix of this report.

(U) [NY T-15 on May 5, 1959,] advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the May Day rally held at Union Square, New York City, on May 2, 1959. (u)

(U) [NY T-12, NY T-9, both on May 11, 1959,] and [NY T-16 on May 8, 1959,] corroborated ALBERTSON's attendance at the May Day rally held on May 2, 1959. (u)

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON at the May Day rally sponsored by the Trade Union Committee for 1959 May Day Celebration held on May 2, 1959, at Union Square, New York City. (u)

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(U) NY T-13 on April 14, 1959, furnished a one page mimeographed sheet of paper announcing a meeting of "All County, Section and Club Press Directors" and any other comrades who are active in the promotion of "The Worker" on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at "The Worker" Office, 23 West 26th Street. One of the signers of this announcement was "BILL ALBERTSON".

III. AFFILIATION WITH OR SYMPATHIES TOWARD CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

The Faculty of Social Science (FSS) and the Committee to Honor the Memory of Israel Amter are documented in the Appendix of this report.

(U) FSS Classes

On May 4, 1959, NY T-17 made available an announcement sheet of a new term of classes at the FSS for the term from May 11, 1959 to June 10, 1959. This sheet reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would be the instructor for the class entitled, "Socialist Currents and the 1960 Elections" to be held on the Tuesday evenings
(U) of May 12, 19, 26 and June 2 and 9, 1959.

NY T-18 on May 15, 1959, advised that on May 12, 1959, a class called "Socialist Trends in 1960" was held at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York
(U) City, with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as lecturer.

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ALBERTSON mentioned that he was a Communist, and that his lecturing would reflect this point of view. He then went on to point out that there were a number of socialist parties in the United States differing in degree from one another but having one characteristic which set them aside from the CP; namely, they were against Soviet Communism and against the American CP. (U)

NY T-18 on May 22, 1959, advised that on May 19, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor at a FSS class held at 80 East 11th Street, New York City. At this class ALBERTSON spoke on Marxism stating that Marxism had the following ideas: (U)

An historical materialistical dialectism, a complete understanding of the money economy or capitalism from its inception to its most complex imperialistic form and the importance of the working class. (U)

According to ALBERTSON, LENIN added to this that the government should be run by the proletarian and dictated by the proletarian class. (U)

Continuing ALBERTSON stated that in such countries as England, Germany and France the proletariat did not have complete control of everything. He stated that in the United States for socialism to stay strong there would have to be a dictatorship by the proletarian and that would mean that "we" would throw out J. EDGAR HOOVER and all the FBI men, every facet of government, even the police force and Congress, would have to be changed and replaced with the working class proletariat. What existed before socialism would have to be "smashed". (U)

ALBERTSON went on to explain that by "smashing" he did not mean murder or the overthrow of law and order and that this word in its original meaning in Russian does not have the same connotation as in English. Illustrating his point, ALBERTSON stated that in such countries as Russia and China, socialism was attainable only because the proleteriat completely took over every facet of government.

NY T-18 on May 27, 1959, advised that on May 26, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON instructed a class (U) at the FSS, New York City. ALBERTSON spoke on the various socialist parties in the United States.

NY T-19 advised on April 17, 1959, that the first scheduled FSS class on "Socialist Currents in (U) the United States Today, which was scheduled for April 15, 1959, and to be instructed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was cancelled due to poor attendance. ALBERTSON announced (U) that an extra session of this class would be scheduled due to this cancellation.

Committee to Honor the Memory of Israel Amter

(U) NY T-20 on March 19, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the unveiling of the monument for ISRAEL AMTER, which took place on March 8, 1959, at the Kensico Cemetery at Valhalla, New York.

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PART II

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

NY T-21 on March 25, 1959, advised that as of March 20, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the New York State CP payroll receiving a net weekly
(U) wage of $79.90. (C)

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

National CP Meetings (C)

(U) NY T-22 on May 12, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the resident National Executive Committee, CP, USA, and invited guests. Part of this meeting discussed proposed changes in the CP constitution. (C)

(U) NY T-23 on April 26, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON participated in a discussion of the formation of a youth organization. (C)

(U) NY T-22 on April 14, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present as a guest at a meeting of the resident National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held at CP Headquarters, New York City. (C)

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Part of the agenda at this meeting was the matter of the formation of a youth organization.

(U) NY T-22 on April 7, 1959, advised that on that date a meeting of some members of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting as an invited guest.

(U) NY T-22 on March 20, 21 and 22, 1959, advised that on those dates, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held in New York City.

At this meeting ALBERTSON participated in the discussion of CP finances, the internal situation in the Brooklyn CP and on youth matters.

(U) New York State CP Committee Meeting

(U) NY T-24 on April 3 and 4, 1959, advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended both sessions of a New York State CP Committee meeting held those dates in Room 11C, Adelphi Hall, New York City. At the April 3, 1959, session ALBERTSON gave a report on the New York State CP financial status and plans for a new fund drive.

(U) New York State CP Board Meetings

(U) NY T-25 on April 20, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at, and participated in, a meeting of the New York State CP Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City. The main point at this meeting was a discussion on plans for the May Day rally.

(U) NY T-25 on April 13, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board, which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. The main item on the agenda of this meeting was a report on the Garment Region of the New York State CP.

(U) New York State CP Staff Meetings

(U) NY T-25 on May 7 and 14, 1959, advised that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at meetings of the New York State CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City. At both of these meetings, ALBERTSON participated in a discussion on the Jewish question.

(U) NY T-25 on April 30, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at and participated in a meeting of the New York State CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City. Part of the agenda at this meeting was a discussion on Amnesty matters.

(U) NY T-25 on April 22, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at and participated in a meeting of the New York State CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda for the meeting included the establishment of a women's commission, finances and leadership changes in the Brooklyn CP.

(U) NY T-25 on April 16, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on youth.

(U) NY T-25 on April 9, 1959, advised that on that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON spoke concerning the impending visit of FIDEL CASTRO to the United States and proposed CP plans to participate in welcoming him.

(U) CP Youth Meetings

(U) NY T-27 advised on March 30, 1959, that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of some CP leaders which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. This meeting confined almost exclusively to the question of youth matters and the CP's effort to curb independent youth activity.

(U) NY T-26 on March 28, 1959, advised that on that date a meeting of youth called by the New York State CP Committee was held at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who acted as chairman, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a report as to the outlook of the CP, USA, on the general question of youth work.

(U) NY T-22 on April 20, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of leading CP Functionaries held at CP Headquarters, New York City. This meeting confined itself almost exclusively to the youth march on Washington, held on April 18, 1959.

(U) NY T-22 advised that ALBERTSON participated in the discussion.

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COMMITTEE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF ISRAEL AMTER, also known as: Israel Amter Memorial Committee

On May 28, 1958, a confidential informant advised that he had learned from a CP functionary that the CP was at that time attempting to set up an ISRAEL AMTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE. (U)

On June 20, 1958, a confidential informant furnished a copy of an undated mimeographed letter bearing the heading "Committee To Honor The Memory of Israel Amter" which reflects that the Committee To Honor The Memory of Israel Amter has been formed for the purpose of raising approximately $1,500 to erect a memorial at the grave of ISRAEL AMTER in Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, New York, and to sponsor the publishing of a book written by SADIE AMTER "On The Fifty Years of Activity and Devotion to Socialism of Israel Amter and Sadie Amter".

The first informant advised on June 18, 1958, that the Israel Amter Memorial Committee was set up on the initiative of the New York State Committee of the CP.

The first informant advised on May 4, 1959, that the Israel Amter Memorial Committee was at that time using the residence of CHARLES HENDLEY, 3210 Fairfield Avenue, Bronx, New York, as its mailing address.

The "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, in its October 28, 1941, issue described SADIE VAN VEEN and her husband, ISRAEL AMTER, as charter members of the CP in the 1920's.

The first informant advised on March 3, 1958, that at that time CHARLES HENDLEY, 3210 Fairfield Avenue, Bronx, New York, was a member of the Section Committee, Northwest Section, Bronx County CP.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the Communist Party (CP) in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "People who can't come into the Party and the fringe groups." The informant stated that WEISS had advised that he (WEISS) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that WEISS had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday Evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by HAROLD COLLINS. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the School" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

The schedule of classes for the 1958 Fall Term listed the school as Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with HERBERT APTHEKER as its Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case US versus KUZMA, ET AL (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940 had been consciously guided by what he thought was "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE CONT'D

On June 16, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS was acting in an educational capacity in the New York State CP and as an instructor at a CP cadre training school.

The "DAILY WORKER" for April 5, 1956, pg. 4 column 1, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

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APPENDIX

TRADE UNION COMMITTEE 1959
MAY DAY CELEBRATION

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On November 13, 1958 a confidential source advised that during a meeting of the State Staff of the New York State Communist Party (CP) held on November 13, 1958 at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, the question of May Day was raised. It was decided that they should start early and named LOUIS WEINSTOCK to be in charge of the committee to lay the foundation.

The February 22, 1959 issue of "The Worker", an east coast Communist weekly publication, on page 16, announced a conference for March 7, 1959 at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for May Day plans. The announcement states "commemoration of May Day is being planned by a group of trade unionists it was disclosed last week by the Sponsoring Committee for a May Day Celebration".

The March 15, 1959 issue of "The Worker", on page 5, contained an article concerning the above conference reflecting that May Day would be celebrated in Union Square and that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was elected Chairman of the Committee.

On April 22, 1959, another confidential source made available a throw-away announcing that May Day would be celebrated on May 2, 1959 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Union Square under the sponsorship of the Trade Union Committee 1959 May Day Celebration, Room 3, 130 East 16th Street, New York City.

On December 9, 10, 1958, another confidential source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was then a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA (CP), representing the New York District of the CP.

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Re: William Albertson
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b6 b7C

With regard to the informants used in this report, all have furnished reliable information in the past.

All informants used in the Appendix of this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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To: Director, FBI (65-38100) Date: 8/11/59

From: SAC, Pittsburgh (65-749)

Subject: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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OO: NEW YORK

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WFO letter to Bureau, 6/12/59, captioned "HCUA" (Bufile 61-7582), furnished copies of three pamphlets concerning public hearings held before the Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), U. S. House of Representatives, Eighty-sixth Congress, in Pittsburgh, Pa., on 3/10,11,12/59. These pamphlets are identified as follows:

1. Current Strategy and Tactics of Communists in the United States
(Greater Pittsburgh Area - Part 1)
Dated: March 10, 1959

2. Problems of Security in Industrial Establishments Holding Defense Contracts
(Greater Pittsburgh Area - Part 2)
Dated: March 11, 1959

3. Problems Arising in Cases of Denaturalization and Deportation of Communists
(Greater Pittsburgh Area - Part 3)
Dated: March 12, 1959

[redacted] and [redacted] former Pittsburgh security informants, who testified at these hearings, mentioned the names of several individuals known to have engaged in Communist Party and/or related activities. Several of these individuals and others were subpoenaed to testify at these hearings. b6 b7C b7D

The [redacted] and [redacted] may be described as follows:

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[redacted] a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, regularly furnished information to the FBI from August, 1946, to March, 1959. (Formerly [redacted]

[redacted] a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, regularly furnished information to the FBI from October, 1947, to March, 1959. (Formerly [redacted]

[redacted] a former member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, regularly furnished information to the FBI from August, 1943, to December, 1954. (Formerly [redacted]

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Current Bureau instructions covering HCUA hearings are that the Bureau be advised of the identity of each individual mentioned at such hearings and also advised of their subversive activity unless such information is currently in the Bureau's possession. Such data should be submitted under the individual's case caption and should contain a statement as to whether or not the individual has been the subject of Bureau investigation and as to what action is being taken on any new information developed as a result of these hearings.

In those instances where an individual has been investigated by the Bureau and the new information obtained does not warrant additional investigation, Bureau instructions are that consideration should again be given to an interview with the individual.

In those instances where an individual residing within another division is mentioned, that division must be advised of the nature of the information and of the Bureau's instructions.

Inasmuch as New York has received copies of the aforementioned pamphlets, that office is being furnished only page references concerning individuals residing within the New York Division.

The name of captioned subject appears in the aforementioned pamphlets as noted below:

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Re Bu form 0-17 dated 8/13/59 and NY report of SA [redacted] dated 8/7/59. Following corrections in re report should be made:

1) Next to last para, page 4, line 4. Correct date

(U) is April 26, 1959. (C)

2) Para 3, page 5, first line. Correct date is

(U) June 10, 11, 12, 1959 (C)

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Part I of this report is admissible evidence, Part II is inadmissible. (U)

The following information was not included in the details of the report since by its very nature, it would tend to reveal the identities of the highly placed informants involved. (U)

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CG 5824-S* on June 29, 1959, advised that on 6/25-26/59, PHIL BART, the National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, was discussing the NY CP District. BART expressed the opinion that the NY District is "going to pot." He stated that he was having trouble with BILL ALBERTSON and that ALBERTSON is being terrorized by BEN DAVIS, the NY District Chairman. BART complained that the NY District has been poaching on the financial preserves of the National Office and in this connection, he mentioned FRANCES DAMON. According the BART, DAMON stated that she wanted to go to Russia in regard to the setting up of an agency to handle travel from the United States to the Soviet Union. BART said that he told DAMON that things do not work on the basis of individual contacts in Russia and he advised her against making such a trip. (~~TS~~) (~~S~~)

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BART stated that DAMON told him it was BILL ALBERTSON who got her to work with the Kinoy Group in regard to the establishing of an agency for travel to Russia. BART said that DAMON also told him that she would not invest any funds in such a travel agency but would merely work for the agency. BART also advised that he had learned that some time ago BILL ALBERTSON persuaded DAMON to give him an automobile for his personal use. BART stated that he was citing this as an example of ALBERTSON's personal approach and his failure to conform to established Party procedures. (~~ST~~) (~~S~~)

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NY 694-S* advised on 8/4/59, that on 8/3/59, he conferred with GUS HALL, CP, USA Midwest Coordinator, who furnished the following information. (~~TS~~) (~~S~~)

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Referring to the CP situation in New York, HALL said it was "bad and serious." He said he and many others in leadership blamed BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR. for this bad situation. (~~TS~~) (~~S~~)

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Mentioning again the New York State CP situation, HALL said that BEN DAVIS is engaged in a bitter fight with (~~S~~) ↓

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BILL ALBERTSON, whom DAVIS desires to displace as the NY State Organizational Secretary and replace with MILTON ROSEN. HALL said he believed people like ALBERTSON and BETTY GANNETT could do a good job in getting New York out of a bad situation. (TS) (S) (U)

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	Identity of Source	Location
(U)	NY T-1 NY 384-S*	(U)
(U)	NY T-2 NY 559-S*	(U)
(U)	NY T-3 CG 5824-S*	100-129629-3724 -3561
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(U) NY T-22 [redacted]	(U)
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Various special agents have observed subject entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters during the period 6/4/59 to 10/30/59. Their identities are located in the surveillance logs maintained in 100-4931-Sub 0. (U)

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides 520 W. 110th St., NYC. Identified as the Secretary, NYS CP. Informants have advised that ALBERTSON attended CP, USA NC meeting 7/25,26/59, NYC; NEC, CP, USA meetings 6/9,10/59, 9/18,19/59, NYC; NYS CP Committee meetings 6/5,6/59; 8/28,29/59; National CP Youth Conference 5/30,31/59, NYC; is active in NYS CP Youth work; was an instructor at a CP "indoctrination school" for youth on 6/13,14/59, NYC; Kings County CP Board and Committee meetings during May, June, August and September, 1959; CP meetings in Buffalo, Albany, Schenectady, NY during August and October, 1959; attended CP, USA 40th Anniversary Celebration 9/25/59; recently became involved in a factional dispute with BENJAMIN DAVIS, NYS CP Chairman; was an instructor at the 1959 summer term of the FSS, represented the CP at a conference of the United Independent Socialist Committee 9/26,27/59. Other informants reported ALBERTSON on the NYS CP payroll; attended

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(U) NYS CP Committee, Board and Staff meetings during May through September, 1959. Other CP meetings attended and miscellaneous activity set forth. (C)

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DETAILS

PART I

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOSEPH A. MONTALVO, Superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on November 9, 1959, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his family reside in Apartment 12 A at that address. b6 b7C

B. Employment

(U) [NY T-1 on August 31, 1959,] advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the Secretary of the New York State Communist Party.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York, during the period June 4, 1959, to October 30, 1959, on an almost daily basis. (U)

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The CP, United States of America (USA), has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)

The New York District CP is commonly referred to as the New York State CP. (U)

A. Evidence of CP Membership

(U) National CP Meetings

(U) NY T-2 on July 29, 1959, advised that on July 25, 26, 1959, (U) WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a two-day meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, which was

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held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. Part of the agenda at this meeting included a report on the current steel strike, consideration of the draft political resolution prepared for the 17th National CP Convention of the Party, and consideration of the draft of a new constitution for the CP. NY T-2 stated that ALBERTSON was the Chairman of the July 26, 1959 session of this meeting.

(U) NY T-2 on June 12, 1959, advised that on June 9 and 10, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to hear the reports of the committees set up to prepare for the forthcoming CP National Convention.

NY T-3 on September 21, 1959, advised that on September 18 and 19, 1959, a two-day meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, was held at the Chelsea Hotel in New York City. BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance at this meeting as an invitee of the National Executive Committee. The agenda at this meeting included an analysis of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV's trip to the United States, a discussion of the main political resolution for the 17th National CP Convention, a report on the steel strike, and anti-labor legislation, and discussion concerning the future leadership of the CP, USA.

(U) NY T-4 on June 19, 1959 advised that on June 15, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Committee to Revise the Constitution of the CP, USA, which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City.

(U) NY T-2 on June 17, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-4 concerning ALBERTSON's presence at the above meeting held on June 15, 1959.

(U) NY T-2 on July 29, 1959, advised that on July 24, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a CP Conference which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City, for the

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purpose of discussing the current steel strike.

(U) New York State CP Committee Meetings

(U) NY T-5 on June 8, 1959, advised that on June 5 and 6, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a New York State CP Committee meeting which was held in Room 11 C, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At the June 5, 1959, session of this meeting, ALBERTSON gave the main report on the Fight For Peace.

(U) NY T-5 stated that at the June 6, 1959, session of this meeting, a report on the Labor movement in New York City was the main item on the agenda.

(U) NY T-6 on June 10, 1959, corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the aforementioned meeting on June 5 and 6, 1959.

Special agents of the FBI on June 5 and 6, 1959, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11 C, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

(U) NY T-5 on September 1, 1959, advised that on August 28 and 29, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee which was held in Room 11 C, Adelphi Hall, New York City. The method of choosing delegates to the next New York State CP Convention, discussion of the draft political resolution, and a report on the steel strike were the main items of business at this meeting.

(U) NY T-6 on August 31, 1959, and September 2, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-5 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the afore-mentioned meeting.

Special agents of the FBI on August 28 and 29, 1959, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 11 C, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

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(U) CP Youth Meetings

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NY T-7 on June 1, 1959, advised that on May 30 and 31, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON was present at a National CP (U) Youth Conference which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. At the May 31, 1959, session of this meeting, ALBERTSON delivered a report on a proposed new Youth organization which would be initiated and guided by the CP, USA. ALBERTSON stated that the CP wanted this new organization to concentrate on mass work, not in leadership capacities, but still in positions to exert influence. ALBERTSON stressed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as an organization to be infiltrated. He stated that recently the CP had lost influence in the NAACP. He urged that this new Youth organization work with youth through church organizations, community groups, and on college campuses.

NY T-8 on June 6, 1959, NY T-9 on June 1, 1959, and NY T-10 on June 4, 1959, all corroborated the aforementioned information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance and participation in the National CP Youth Conference held on (U) May 30 and 31, 1959. (U)

Special Agents of the FBI on May 30, 1959, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

(U) NY T-9 on May 22, 1959, advised that on May 21, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the first meeting of (U) the reconstituted New York State CP Youth Commission which was held at ALBERTSON's residence, 520 Cathedral Parkway (West 110th Street), New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON outlined the duties and functions the new Commission should perform and suggested various fields of endeavor where CP Youth (U) activity should be directed.

(U) NY T-11 on August 21, 1959, advised that on August 20, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings (U) County CP Youth Branch which was held at 1072 East 10th

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(U) Street, Brooklyn, New York. At this meeting, ALBERTSON spoke on the need to organize conferences for the purpose of finding a basis for a new Youth organization.

(U) NY T-12 on September 23, 1959, and NY T-13 on September 22, 1959, advised that on September 20, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a CP Youth caucus meeting which was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. ALBERTSON gave the main report at this meeting in which he outlined the type of Youth organization the CP was desirous to have formed. ALBERTSON also announced the formation of a New York State CP Youth Commission.

(U) CP Leadership School

(U) NY T-9 on June 8, 15 and 19, 1959, advised that from June 6, 1959, to June 14, 1959, a CP School for Youth was held which NY T-9 described as an "Indoctrination School." The June 13, 1959, session of this school was held at the Faculty of Social Science (FSS), 80 East 11th Street, New York City, and the June 14, 1959, session was held at the ACA Studio, 75 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

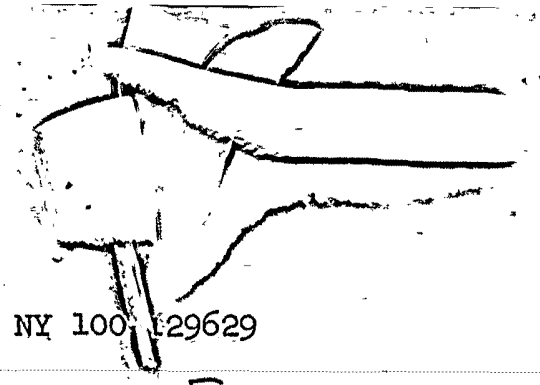
According to NY T-9, WILLIAM ALBERTSON instructed the June 13 and 14, 1959, sessions of this school. The topics taught by ALBERTSON were "The Youth", and "Evaluation and Proposals."

(U) Kings County CP Meetings

(U) NY T-14 on May 11, 1959, advised that on May 6, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Committee which was held at 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. The principal report at this meeting was on the Negro Question.

(U) NY T-11 and NY T-4, both on May 8, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-14 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the aforementioned meeting held on May 6, 1959.

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NY T-4 on June 19, 1959, advised that on June 17, 1959, ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Board which was held at 50 Orange Street, Brooklyn, New York. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the appointment of a new County CP Organizer. (U)

NY T-14 on June 22, 1959, corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the meeting held on June 17, 1959. (U)

NY T-14 on June 26, 1959, advised that on June 24, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Board which was held in Brooklyn, New York. The purpose of this meeting was to elect an Organizer for the Kings County CP. (U)

NY T-4 on June 26, 1959, corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the aforementioned meeting held on June 24, 1959. (U)

NY T-11 on August 28, 1959, advised that on August 21, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Board which was held in Brooklyn, New York. The main discussion at this meeting was on the Peace issue. (U)

NY T-4 on August 25, 1959, corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the aforementioned meeting held on August 21, 1959. (U)

NY T-14 on September 4, 1959, and NY T-4 on September 2, 1959, both advised that on September 2, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Committee which was held in Room 7, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. At this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a lengthy report on the history of the CP, leading up to the 40th Anniversary Celebration which was scheduled to be held in Carnegie Hall, New York City. (U)

Queens County CP Meeting (U)

NY T-15 on June 24, 1959, advised that on June 23, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who identified himself as the (U)

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Secretary-Treasurer of the New York State CP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Queens County CP Committee which was held at 112-13 39th Avenue, Corona, Queens, New York. ALBERTSON spoke on the current CP Fund Drive, urging the fullest support be given it.

New York County CP Meeting

NY T-16 on July 31, 1959, and NY T-17 on August 14, 1959, both advised that on July 30, 1959, a meeting of the Section and Club heads of the New York County CP was held at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the principle speaker at this meeting, his topic being the current steel strike.

CP Activity in Upstate New York

NY T-18 on August 6 and 11, 1959, advised that on August 5, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Erie County CP Steel Club which was held at Buffalo, New York. ALBERTSON spoke to those present concerning Erie County CP participation in the current steel strike. ALBERTSON stated that the CP members should get out and circulate among the strikers, urging them to meet in an informal group. From this type of meeting, according to ALBERTSON, the local CP members could then begin to bring in the CP's position on the strike more and more openly.

NY T-19 on August 7, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a New York State CP functionary, was at Albany, New York, to confer with CP leaders in that area. The main purpose of ALBERTSON's trip was to discuss with CP leaders the steel strike situation and CP plans to support the strike.

NY T-5 on October 12, 1959, advised that on October 10, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON of the New York City CP Headquarters was present at a meeting of the Albany CP which was held at Albany, New York. The purpose of this meeting was to determine

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the progress being made by the Albany CP and to suggest methods to make it more effective. NY T-5 noted that later the same day, ALBERTSON was scheduled to meet with the Schenectady CP. At the meeting with the Albany CP leaders, ALBERTSON made several suggestions to broaden and improve the CP activity in that area.

NY T-19 on October 14, 1959, advised that on October 10, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Schenectady CP which was held at Niskayuna, New York. The purpose of this meeting was to hear reports on the progress of the Schenectady Section and to make plans for strengthening it.

Other CP Meetings

NY T-14 on August 21, 1959, advised that on August 19, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON was present at a New York State CP Conference which was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. The major report at this conference was on the outlook and organization of the Party.

NY T-20 on August 21, 1959, NY T-21 on August 25, 1959, and NY T-4 on August 25, 1959, all corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the aforementioned meeting held on August 19, 1959.

NY T-22 on September 1, 1959, advised that on August 31, 1959, BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of former members of the CP Waterfront Section which was held in New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the readmission of the Waterfront Section into the CP. ALBERTSON represented the New York State CP at this meeting.

B. Miscellaneous CP Activity

NY T-3 on July 20, 1959, made available a three-page mimeographed memorandum with the caption, "Peace Month - July 15 - August 15." The memorandum is addressed,

"To All Clubs", and is signed, "Benjamin J. Davis, Chairman; William Albertson, Executive Secretary." This memorandum states in part: (C) (U) Prior released. See 190-4011

"The New York Committee at its last meeting, unanimously decided to initiate a Peace campaign from 7/15 to 8/15 - a month of concentrated Peace activities to involve every club and member, especially around the demand for an end to nuclear testing and a ban on the manufacture and use of atomic weapons..." (U)

The memorandum also contains ten suggestions for club activities in connection with the Peace month. (U)

"The Worker" issue of September 13, 1959, page 16, identifies BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as the State Chairman of the New York State CP. (U)

(U) NY T-22 on September 28, 1959, NY T-20 on September 28, 1959, NY T-11 on September 26, 1959, NY T-4 on September 27, 1959, NY T-23 on October 5, 1959, NY T-14 on October 2, 1959, NY T-9 on September 28, 1959, and NY T-24 on October 6, 1959, all advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and participated in the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CP which was held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on September (U) 25, 1959.

A Special Agent of the FBI on September 25, 1959, observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON in attendance at the 40th Anniversary CP Celebration held at Carnegie Hall, New York City. (U)

(U) NY T-2 on May 20, 1959, advised that on May 15, (U) 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a reception in honor of WILLIAM WEINSTONE which was held at 2141 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York. At this affair, a collection was taken up to help defray expenses of WEINSTONE's trip to the Soviet Union.

(U) [NY T-25 on May 20, 1959,] advised that WILLIAM WEINSTONE was then a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

4 Comments Concerning BENJAMIN DAVIS

NY T-25 on October 19, 1959, advised that relations between BENJAMIN DAVIS, New York State CP Chairman, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON, were currently at the breaking point; they will not work together. Recently, DAVIS told ALBERTSON
(U) that the latter was "fired."

According to NY T-25, it is ALBERTSON's opinion that two years ago DAVIS openly announced his candidacy for the CP National Chairmanship. Today, seeing his chances to achieve his ambitions being slimmer, DAVIS does not campaign quite so openly for that position. ALBERTSON believes DAVIS would settle for a lesser position in the National organization.
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ALBERTSON has told DAVIS that the latter should restrict his activity to the Harlem area, however, DAVIS does
(U) not agree with ALBERTSON.

ALBERTSON has expressed the belief that if his "feud" with DAVIS should come out into the open at the New York State CP Convention and result in an open split, the effect would be disastrous and loss of membership would result. As far as ALBERTSON is concerned, he will make every
(U), effort to avoid such a split in the Party.

III. AFFILIATION AND/OR SYMPATHIES WITH CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

(U) Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

The [FSS] is documented in the Appendix of this
(U) report.

[NY T-20 on June 22, 1959,] made available a copy of

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the schedule of the "Summer School Term" of the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. This schedule reflects that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would instruct the class in "American Socialist Currents" on the evenings of July 14, 21, 28, 1959, and August 4 and 11, 1959. (C)

(U) NY T-26 on July 27, 1959, advised that on July 21, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor at a class at the FSS entitled, "American Socialist Currents." According to NY T-26, during his remarks to the class, ALBERTSON referred to the position of the CP and "we" almost interchangeably. At one point he remarked, "I suppose you all know that I am a Communist." (C)

(U) NY T-27 on July 23, 1959, advised that on July 21, 1959, the first session of the FSS class, "American Socialist Currents," met at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, the instructor of this class, lectured on the various socialist currents and the efforts at unification of the socialist currents in the United States. (C)

(U) NY T-28 on July 31, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-27 concerning the FSS class ALBERTSON instructed on July 21, 1959. (C)

(U) NY T-28 on July 31, 1959, advised that on July 28, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON conducted the second class in "American Socialist Currents" at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. At this class, ALBERTSON in part stated that one of the component parts of Marxism was the theory and tactics of the working class revolution in practice. Explaining this, ALBERTSON stated that once the working class came into power, it would be necessary to smash the political state. He added that the political police which keeps capitalism in power is the FBI and the best political police in the world. (C)

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NY T-26 on August 3, 1959, NY T-27 on August 7, 1959, and NY T-29 on August 6, 1959, all corroborated the information furnished by NY T-28 concerning ALBERTSON's participation in the FSS class held on July 28, 1959. (U)

NY T-26 on August 10, 1959, advised that on August 4, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON instructed a class in "American Socialist Currents" at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. At this class, ALBERTSON discussed the socialist groups in the United States. (U)

NY T-28 on August 13, 1959, NY T-29 on August 6, 1959, and NY T-27 on August 7, 1959, all corroborated the information furnished by NY T-26 concerning ALBERTSON's participation in the FSS class held on August 4, 1959. (U)

NY T-28 on August 13, 1959, advised that on August 11, 1959, an FSS class in "American Socialist Currents" was held at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. During this class, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, the instructor, remarked that the CP believed a worker had to struggle to get anything, and so the Party taught the worker who his enemy is - usually his "boss", and the police and the President were generally on the side of the "boss." (U)

NY T-26 on August 17, 1959, and NY T-27 on August 19, 1959, both corroborated the information furnished by NY T-28 concerning ALBERTSON's participation in the FSS class held on August 11, 1959. (U)

NY T-27 on August 19, 1959, advised that on August 18, 1959, the fifth session of the FSS class on "American Socialist Currents" was held at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, the instructor, spoke on the various socialist publications in the United States. (U)

NY T-26, NY T-28, and NY T-30, all on August 25, (U)

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(U) 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-27 concerning ALBERTSON's participation in the FSS class held (U) on August 18, 1959.

NY T-28 on September 3, 1959, advised that on August 25, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON held an additional class session beyond the school schedule of the five-week summer term of the FSS on the subject of "American Socialist Currents." ALBERTSON, at the last session of this class, had announced that the purpose of this additional session was to devote an entire session to a discussion of the CP and to give the students an opportunity to state why they would or would not like to join the CP. NY T-28 stated that this class was held at the FSS in New York City.

At this session, ALBERTSON stated in part that one of the biggest problems facing the CP was to convince people that CP members are not Soviet agents, however, the FBI had managed to get this score over to the people.

Concerning his own reasons for joining the CP, ALBERTSON stated that early in his life, in the late twenties, he, as a Young Communist League member, had come to the conclusion that there had to be a vanguard which would lead everyone else toward social change, and the CP answered this need.

NY T-27 on September 2, 1959, corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's participation at the FSS class held on August 25, 1959.

The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-20 on September 15, 1959, made available a copy of a printed fall term schedule of classes of the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. This schedule reflects that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would be the instructor of class

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number nine, "Socialist Currents in the United States Today", and would be co-instructor of class number twelve, "Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure," both classes scheduled (U) for Tuesdays, October 20, 1959, to December 8, 1959.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The United Independent Socialist Committee is documented in the Appendix of this report.

"The Worker" issue of September 20, 1959, page three, column one, contains an article entitled, "The Crisis in the UI - SC," by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Executive Secretary, New York State CP. In this article ALBERTSON attacks the "Trotskyites" for attempting to control the United Independent Socialist Committee and attempting to lead that organization "up the blind alley of sectarianism."

NY T-31 on September 29, 1959, advised that on September 26 and 27, 1959, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at (U) a conference of the United Independent Socialist Committee at the Fraternal Club House, 110 West 48th Street, New York City. The purpose of this conference was to discuss United Socialist election policy for 1960.

ALBERTSON, who was introduced as the Executive Secretary of the New York State CP, presented the CP position on 1960 United election activity. In summary, ALBERTSON stated that radical socialists of all types or groups could benefit by entering the Democratic Party and working to elect a progressive Democratic ticket. He said that radicals are so divided from the masses that they could not get support for their socialist candidates and would so divide votes for progressive candidates that the progressive cause would suffer.

(U) NY T-32 on September 29, 1959, and October 5, (U) 1959, corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the United Independent Socialist Committee (U) Conference held on September 26 and 27, 1959.

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PART II

I. BACKGROUND

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A. Employment

NY T-33 on May 29, 1959, July 9, 1959, July 30, 1959, August 14, 1959, September 29, 1959, and October 8, 1959, advised that as of those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the payroll of the New York State CP, receiving a weekly (U) gross salary of $92.00.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

(U) National CP Meetings

(U) NY T-34 on June 9,10,and 11, 1959, advised that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a full National Executive Committee meeting of the CP, USA, which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda for this meeting was largely devoted to reports on the forthcoming National CP Convention.

(U) NY T-35 on July 25 and 26, 1959, advised that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, which was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. ALBERTSON acted as Chairman of the July 26, 1959, session of this meeting which included discussions on the steel strike, draft political resolution, draft constitution, and Party consolidation.

(U) NY T-34 advised on September 9, 1959, that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Resident National Executive Committee, CP, USA, and invited guests which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. Discussions of the amnesty campaign and the AFL-CIO convention were held at this meeting.

(U) New York State CP Committee Meetings

(U) NY T-36 on June 5 and 6, 1959, advised that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee which was held (U) at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave reports on a Peace campaign for the CP, and on the status of CP registration in New York State.

(U) NY T-37 on August 28 and 29, 1959, advised that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee which was held at (U) Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report and made proposals for the election of delegates to and the handling of preparations for the New York State CP Convention.

(U) New York State CP Board Meetings

NY T-38 on May 11, 1959, advised that on that date (U) WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman of a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the formation of a New York State CP Youth Commission.

(U) NY T-38 on May 14, 1959, advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a New York State CP (U) Board meeting which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON spoke on the current New York City hospital strike in which he urged all-out CP participation and support of the strike. Also, at this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on his progress in organizing a New York State CP Youth Commission.

(U) NY T-38 on June 22, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the

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(U) New York State CP Board which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. This entire meeting was taken up with a report on the status of Party organization.

(U) NY T-38 on August 3, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON functioned as the Chairman of a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON gave a report on the current status of the CP Registration Drive and plans for recruitment of new members into the Party.

(U) NY T-38 on August 10, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON, who was Chairman of the meeting, gave a report on the organizational proposals for the National and New York State CP Conventions.

(U) NY T-38 on August 24, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on some of the problems facing the New York State CP and plans for pre-convention discussions by the New York State Board and Committee.

(U) NY T-34 advised on September 14, 1959, that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York State CP Board meeting which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON gave a report on the status of the preparations for the New York State CP Convention.

(U) NY T-38 advised on May 4, 18, and 25, 1959, June 1 and 8, 1959, and July 20 and 27, 1959, that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and participated in meetings of the New York State CP Board which were held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

(U) New York State CP Staff Meetings (C) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NY T-38 on May 28, 1959, advised that on that
(U) date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was Chairman of a meeting of the (C)
New York State CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the status of the New York State CP Fund and Registration Drives.

(U) NY T-38 on June 4, 1959, (C) advised that on that
(U) date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. (C) Two of the points on the agenda for this meeting were an informational report on women's matters
(U) and the selection of a candidate for the Brooklyn CP leadership.

NY T-38 on June 18, 1959, (C) advised that on that
(U) date BILL ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York State CP Staff which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. (C) At this meeting ALBERTSON gave reports on political action and proposed activities featuring around the Peace question.

NY T-38 on June 25, 1959, advised that on that
(U) date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the Chairman of a meeting of the (C)
New York State CP Staff which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda of this meeting included a discussion concerning the distribution of a "flyer" on the Peace issue and plans for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the CP.

(U) NY T-38 on May 7, 21, 1959, August 20 and 27, (C)
1959, and September 3, 1959, advised that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and participated in New York State CP Staff meetings which were held at CP Head-
(U) quarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. (C)

(U) Other National CP Meetings

NY T-39 on May 5, 1959, advised that a meeting of several CP functionaries, including WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. (U) The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the National Groups situation.

NY T-34 on June 3, 1959, advised that on that (U) date a meeting of several CP functionaries, including WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was held at CP Headquarters, New York (U) City. The discussion at this meeting generally pertained to the CP operations in the South and the CP Fund Drive.

(U) NY T-34 on August 4, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of (U) CP functionaries which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. Part of this meeting concerned discussion of the next CP Convention and discussion of a program to attack the "Mc Carran Act"(Internal Security Act of 1950).

(U) NY T-40 on August 11, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance and participated (U) in a meeting of CP functionaries which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. Part of this meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Fund Drive for "The Worker."

(U) NY T-34 on August 25, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance and participated (U) in a meeting of several CP functionaries which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. Part of the agenda at this meeting included discussions of the site for the National CP Convention and the readmission into the CP of a group of former members of the CP Waterfront Section.

(U) Other New York State CP Meetings

(U) NY T-38 on May 22, 1959, advised that on that

(U) date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Organization Commission of the CP, USA, which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON acted as the Chairman of this meeting, the agenda of which included discussion of the current CP Registration Drive and plans for a CP Cadre school.

(U) NY T-39 on August 17, 1959, advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of several (U) CP functionaries which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the status of the New York State CP Fund Drive.

(U) NY T-34 on September 1, 1959, advised that on that (U) date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of CP functionaries which was held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. The juvenile delinquency problem in New York City was discussed at this meeting.

(U) NY T-41 on September 12, 1959, advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the (U) New York State CP Youth Commission which was held in Room 11 H, Adelphi Hall, New York City. ALBERTSON gave the principle report at this meeting which primarily dealt with the formation, character, and composition of the New York CP Youth Commission.

B. Miscellaneous CP Activity

(U) NY T-42 on May 29, 1959, made available information that reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was, as of that date, a subscriber to "The Worker."

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (CONT'D)

On June 16, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS was acting in an educational capacity in the New York State CP and as an instructor at a CP cadre training school.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, pg. 4 column 1, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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APPENDIX

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UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE,
Formerly known as the
Independent-Socialist Party

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A confidential source advised in June, 1958, that the Independent-Socialist Party (I-SP) was organized at conferences held on June 13 - 15, 1958, in New York City.

Another confidential source advised in October, 1958, that the I-SP had as its ultimate aim the establishment of a national labor party.

The "Militant" issue of February 2, 1959, in a front page article entitled, "N.Y. Socialists discuss Possibilities for 1960," related in part that the Independent-Socialist Party, at a meeting held in New York City on January 24, 1959, had voted unanimously to continue activities as the United Independent-Socialist Committee (UI-SC).

Early in February, 1959, the first mentioned confidential source reported that at the January 24, 1959, meeting of the I-SP the following proposals for future activity were adopted:

1. Establishment of a permanent committee to be called the United Independent-Socialist Committee.

2. Establishment of a sub-committee to study the possibilities of running a campaign in 1960 which committee would report back to a conference to be called in the fall (of 1959) at which time a decision would be reached on whether or not to attempt a 1960 campaign.

In the meantime, between January, 1959, and the fall of 1959, the UI-SC would engage in struggles of the left and would participate in the fight for "peace, Co-existence, civil liberties and civil rights, and support the struggles of colored peoples and the struggle for passports, etc."

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UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE,
Formerly known as the
Independent-Socialist Party (CONT'D)

According to the first mentioned confidential source the UI-SC would issue a newsletter from time to time to keep its membership informed of developments within the UI-SC.

Early in May, 1959, the first mentioned confidential source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was then the dominant group in the UI-SC. The confidential source stated that because the SWP is the largest single organized group active in the UI-SC, and because it is favored by other smaller, more loosely organized groups within the UI-SC, the SWP is in a position from which it can direct and control activities of the UI-SC.

The headquarters of the UI-SC are located at 799 Broadway, New York City.

The "Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

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"THE WORKER"

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.
NY 100-129629

New York, New York
November 25, 1959

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b6 b7C

(U) NY T-29, NY T-35, NY T-36, and NY T-41 were in a position to furnish reliable information in the past. (U) NY T-1 through NY T-28, NY T-30, NY T-32 through NY T-34, NY T-37 through NY T-40, and NY T-42 have furnished reliable information in the past. NY T-31 has furnished insufficient information to determine reliability.

Other confidential informants mentioned in the report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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NY 2520-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 2/2/60 that on that date BILL ALBERTSON, Organizational Secretary, NY District CP, contacted PETER KIHSS (phonetic), a writer for "The New York Times". ALBERTSON explained that the purpose of the call was to advise KIHSS of the status of his, ALBERTSON's, Unemployment Insurance case. KIHSS indicated that he thought that had been settled. (The Appelate Division of the New York Supreme Court had previously ruled in favor of ALBERTSON's claim to Unemployment Insurance based on his employment by the CP, USA). ALBERTSON explained that the Appelate Division had ruled in his favor and that the CP was a competent employer. However, now New York State was making an appeal to the New York Court of Appeals and that the briefs had been filed and argument had been set for 3/1/60 at Albany, NY. ALBERTSON indicated the claim amounted to about $350.00.

KIHSS then asked if the CP was still collecting unemployment insurance deductions from its employees. ALBERTSON stated that they were, but the State refuses to accept the taxes so the money has been placed in escrow.

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KIHSS indicated surprise that the State was appealing further and told ALBERTSON that he, KIHSS, ought to write an article on it. ALBERTSON explained that as he understood the appeal the State was making the point that since the CP was a criminal conspiracy every member of the CP was automatically a criminal. KIHSS expressed great surprise at this, and stated that he would talk to his "desk" about it and see if they should do something right away. (CX)

KIHSS then thanked ALBERTSON for advising him of the above and ALBERTSON reminded him that he had promised KIHSS some time ago that he would keep him posted. ALBERTSON added that if KIHSS found what ALBERTSON had told him concerning the basis for the appeal was correct, he thought that the indignation of the "Times" might warrant an editorial before 3/1/60. KIHSS agreed that "it was going a little far this time" and that he would talk to the "desk" and see if they wanted to pursue it right now. (CX)

Above for Bureau's and Albany's info.

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January 11, 1960

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York letter to the Bureau 12-21-59, copies to the various offices of origin in the cases involving the Communist Party functionaries who were elected to membership on the Party's national committee at the recent national convention.

By letter dated 1-4-60, the Bureau instructed the offices of origin in the cases involving the 21 national committee members who were not re-elected at the convention, to immediately discontinue the intensified investigation of these individuals under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

With regard to the 20 (31) members who were re-elected at the recent convention, the Internal Security Act of 1950 reports on these subjects should continue to be submitted at the already established three-month intervals. These cases, listed by office of origin, are as follows:

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Samuel Kushner
Claude Lightfoot

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Indianapolis

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Pettis Perry

New York

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Jesus Colon
Benjamin Davis
Eugene Dennis
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Simon Gerson
Gus Hall
James Jackson
Hyman Lumer
Mildred McAdory
Irving Potash
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Herbert Aptheker
Philip Bart
Eric Bert
Louis Burnham
Michael Crenovich
Miriam Friedlander
Betty Gannett
Arnold Johnson
William L. Patterson
Paul Robeson, Jr.
James Tormey

Philadelphia

Mortimer Daniel Rubin

Portland

Norman Haaland

San Francisco

Roscoe Procter
Juanita Wheeler

(U) A separate communication is being forwarded to the Baltimore Office which will set out the necessary instructions regarding the preparation of the initial report on Jacob Green.

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It is noted that Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Seattle and Newark had no additional functionaries elected to the new national committee.

With regard to the ~~28~~ 27 new members of the national committee who have been positively identified to date, the designated offices of origin should, by 2-1-60, submit investigative reports under the character "Internal Security - C, Internal Security Act of 1950" on each of their subjects, setting out the election of the subject to the national committee and including all other information regarding his Communist Party membership and activities which has been developed since the submission of the last investigative or summary report. Thereafter, reports should be submitted at three-month intervals. Referenced New York letter restates, on page six, instructions previously issued by the Bureau regarding the proper preparation of Internal Security Act of 1950 investigative reports in cases involving members of the Party's national committee.

It will be noted that at the present time two newly elected members of the national committee have not been positively identified. New York has been previously instructed to conduct the necessary investigation to assure the speedy identification of the remaining two subjects.

The ~~28~~ 27 newly elected members of the national committee, who have been positively identified, and the present offices of origin are:

Baltimore

Jacob Green

Boston

Homer Bates Chase

Chicago

~~Florence Hall~~
Geraldyne Lightfoot
Morris Childs
Daniel Queen
James West

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5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason) it contains information furnished by (U) NY T-1 through NY T-41 and NY T-43 through NY T-49, who are current active informants furnishing information of a subversive nature and because it contains information (U) furnished by NY T-42, and NY T-50 through NY T-54, which are highly confidential investigative techniques, the unauthorized disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the internal security of the US.
8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Subject continues in a leadership capacity in the CP, USA as set forth in the details.

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
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TITLE OF CASE

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Report made by

Typed By: hmv

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/25/59 at NY.

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(U) the UI-SC. NY 694-S*, former [redacted] and [redacted] were used to document the FSS.

Surveillances

The following SAS on the dates indicated observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP headquarters. The surveillance logs are maintained in 100-4931-Sub 0:

Dates	Special Agents
11/3,4,10,20,30/59 12/1,4,7,8/59 1/11,12,14,20/60	STEPHEN FEDUNIAK
11/19,25/59 12/14-17,21,23/59 1/4-8,13,15/60	[redacted]
11/2,5,6,9,13/59 12/2, 3/59	STEPHEN FEDUNIAK
11/27/59	[redacted] b6 b7C
12/29/59	THOMAS A. CONLON, WILLIAM J. BARRON

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Other surveillances mentioned are as follows:

Dates	Special Agents
12/10/59	[redacted] WILLIAM J. BARRON, STEPHEN FEDUNIAK, [redacted] JOHN F. LANGTRY, [redacted]
12/11/59	WILLIAM J. BARRON, STEPHEN FEDUNIAK, [redacted], JOHN F. LANGTRY, [redacted]
11/13,14/59	JOHN B. COULTON
10/18/59	[redacted]

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Synopsis: WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 520 West 110th Street, NYC. Identified as the Organizational Secretary, NYS CP and member of the NYS CP Board. Informants have advised that ALBERTSON attended CP, USA 17th National Convention, 12/10-13/59, NYC, and gave the report for the Youth Resolution Committee at the 12/12/59 session; was elected to the NC, CP, USA from the NY District; attended NYS CP Convention 11/27-29/59, NYC, gave the Organizational report at the 11/28/59 session, was Chairman of the presiding committee for the convention and was elected a delegate to the CP, USA National Convention representing the NYS CP Industrial Division; attended reconvened session NYS CP Convention, 1/8-9/60, NYC, and was elected to the new NYS CP Committee; attended NYS CP Industrial Division Convention, 11/13,14/59, NYC, and was elected delegate to the NYS CP convention representing CP Industrial Division Food and Bakers Region; attended CP, USA NC meeting 12/9/59, NYC; NYS CP Industrial Board meeting 10/28/59, NYC; Kings County CP meetings 9/2/59 and 10/18/59; attended and spoke at youth meeting which was held to discuss formation of a Marxist Youth Organization. ALBERTSON identified as member of the NYS CP Industrial Council; was recommended by CP, USA National Secretariat to be the Organizational Secretary of the NY District. Upstate NY and miscellaneous CP activity set forth. ALBERTSON instructed classes at the FSS, October, November, December, 1959. Other informants reported ALBERTSON on the NYS CP payroll; attended CP, USA national meetings during October, November, December, 1959 and January, 1960; NYS CP Convention, November, 1959 and reconvened session January, 1960; NYS CP Board and Staff meetings during September, October, November, 1959; and NYS CP Youth Commission meetings during October, November, 1959.

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DETAILS

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PART I

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Mr. JOSEPH MONTALVO, Superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] on February 9, 1960 that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his family reside in apartment 12-A at that address. u

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B. Employment

"The Worker" issue of January 31, 1960, page 16, columns 4 and 5, identifies WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the Organizational Secretary of the New York State Communist Party (CP) and a member of the New York State CP Board. The article explains that ALBERTSON was among the new New York State CP officers who were elected at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee held the previous weekend. u

SAS of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) during the period November 2, 1959 to January 15, 1960 observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on an almost daily basis. u

II. AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

The New York District CP is commonly referred to as the New York State CP. u

The following are the addresses of some of the localities mentioned hereinafter: u

Hotel Theresa
125th Street and 7th Avenue
New York City

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Academy Hall
853 Broadway
New York City

(U) Adelphi Hall
74 Fifth Avenue
New York City

A. Evidence of CP Membership

(U) CP, USA 17th National Convention
December 10-13, 1959

NY T-1 on December 14, 1959, NY T-2 on December 15-16, 1959, NY T-3 on December 16, 18, 1959, NY T-4 on December 16, 1959, NY T-5 on December 15,16, 1959, NY T-6 on December 21, 1959, NY T-7 on December 14, 15, 16 and 18, 1959, and NY T-8 on December 24, 1959, all advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at one or more of the sessions of the CP, USA 17th (U) National Convention which was held at the Hotel Theresa, New York City on December 10-13, 1959.

(U) Sessions of December 10, 1959

NY T-9 on December 11, 1959 advised that the first day of sessions of the CP, USA 17th National Convention were (U) held at the Hotel Theresa, New York City, on December 10, 1959. NY T-9 stated that BILL ALBERTSON of New York was present at the convention that day and that it was announced that ALBERTSON would be the Chairman of the Committee on the Youth Resolution.

(U) NY T-10 on December 21, 1959, NY T-11 on December 21, 1959 and NY T-12 on December 18, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-9 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance (U) at the CP, USA 17th National Convention held in New York City on December 10, 1959.

SAS of the FBI on December 10, 1959 observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving the lobby of the Hotel Theresa, New York City.

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(U) Sessions of December 11, 1959

NY T-9 on December 12, 1959 advised that on December 11, 1959 the second day of sessions of the CP, USA 17th National Convention were held at the Hotel Theresa, New York City. NY T-9 advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at these sessions.

NY T-10 on December 21, 1959 and NY T-11 on December 22, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-9 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the CP, USA National Convention held in New York City on December 11, 1959.

SAS of the FBI on December 11, 1959 observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving the lobby of the Hotel Theresa, New York City.

(U) Sessions of December 12, 1959

NY T-9 on December 13, 1959 advised that on December 12, 1959, the third day of sessions of the CP, USA, 17th National Convention were held at the Hotel Theresa, New York City. NY T-9 advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at these sessions and on the afternoon of that day made the report on the Youth Resolution.

NY T-10 on December 21, 1959, NY T-11 on December 21, 1959, NY T-13 on December 16, 1959, NY T-14 on December 15, 1959, NY T-15 on December 16, 1959, NY T-16 on December 14, 1959, NY T-17 on December 21, 1959, NY T-18 on December 19, 1959, NY T-19 on December 14, 23, 1959, NY T-20 on December 16, 1959, and NY T-21 on December 23, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-9 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the CP, USA 17th National Convention held in New York City on December 12, 1959.

(U) Sessions of December 13, 1959

NY T-9 on December 14, 1959 advised that on December 13, 1959, the fourth day of sessions of the CP, USA 17th National Convention were held at the Hotel Theresa, New York City. NY T-9 advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at these sessions at which ALBERTSON was nominated and elected to the new National Committee, CP, USA, from the New York District.

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NY T-2 on December 15, 16, 1959, NY T-4 on December 16, 1959, NY T-5 on December 15, 16, 1959, NY T-6 on December 21, 1959, NY T-10 on December 21, 1959, NY T-17 (U) on December 21, 1959, NY T-19 on December 14, 23, 1959, NY T-22 on December 17, 1959 and NY T-23 on December 14, 1959, (U) corroborated the information furnished by NY T-9 concerning (U) ALBERTSON's election to the new National Committee, CP, USA, on the final day of the CP, USA 17th National Convention.

NY T-11 on December 22, 1959, NY T-14 on (U) December 15, 1959, NY T-10 on December 21, 1959, NY T-18 on (U) December 19, 1959 and NY T-21 on December 23, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-9 concerning ALBERTSON's (U) attendance at the CP, USA 17th National Convention held in New York City on December 13, 1959.

(U) New York State CP Convention
(U) November 27-29, 1959

NY T-24 on December 3, 1959 advised that WILLIAM (U) ALBERTSON was present at all sessions of the New York State CP Convention which was held on November 27-29, 1959 at Academy Hall, New York City. NY T-24 reported that ALBERTSON (U) gave the Organizational report at the November 28, 1959 session of this convention and was elected as a delegate from the (U) Industrial Division to the CP, USA 17th National Convention.

NY T-20 on December 3, 1959 advised that on (U) November 27-29, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the New York State CP Convention which was held at Academy Hall, New York City. According to NY T-20, at this convention (U) ALBERTSON was elected as a delegate to the CP, USA 17th National Convention from the Industrial Division of the New York State CP.

(U) NY T-14 on November 30, 1959 and NY T-19 on (U) November 30, 1959 advised that on November 27-29, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the New York State CP Convention which was held in Room 15-A, Academy Hall, New York City. At this (U) convention, according to these sources, ALBERTSON reported on the progress of the CP in New York since 1957.

(U) NY T-25 on December 8, 1959 and NY T-26 on December 9, 1959 advised that on November 27, 1959 W(U)IAM (U) ALBERTSON attended the New York State CP Convention which was

(U) held at Academy Hall, New York City.

(U) NY T-27 on November 28, 1959 advised that at the November 27, 1959 session of the New York State CP Convention, it was announced that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would be the Chairman of the Presiding Committee for the convention.

(U) NY T-8 on December 1, 1959, NY T-25 on December 8, 1959, NY T-26 on December 9, 1959 advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the November 28, 1959 session of the New York State CP Convention which was held at Academy Hall, New York City.

(U) NY T-18 on December 7, 1959, NY T-25 on December 8, 1959, NY T-26 on December 9, 1959 and NY T-8 on December 1, 1959, all advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the November 29, 1959 session of the New York State CP Convention which was held at Academy Hall, New York City.

(U) Reconvened Session
New York State CP Convention
January 8, 9, 1960

(U) NY T-14 on January 10, 1960 advised that on January 8, 9, 1960 the reconvened session of the New York State CP Convention was held at Academy Hall, New York City.

(U) According to NY T-14, BILL ALBERTSON was present on both days of this convention and participated in the proceedings. NY T-14 further advised that at this convention ALBERTSON was elected to the new New York State CP Committee.

(U) According to NY T-14, following the adjournment of the convention, the new New York State CP Committee met in Room 16-D, Academy Hall, for the purpose of electing officers. However, since the full committee was not present it was decided to allow the then current officers to continue to function until the full committee met on January 23, 1960.

(U) New York State CP Industrial
Division Convention
November 13, 14, 1959

(U) NY T-28 on November 16, 1959 advised that on November 13, 14, 1959 the convention of the New York State CP

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Industrial Division was held in Room 10-D, Adelphi Hall,
(U) New York City. NY T-28 reported that the November 13, 1959 (U)
(U) session lasted from 8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and the
November 14, 1959 session lasted from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(U) According to NY T-28 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at both
days of the convention and participated in the discussions.

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NY T-29 on November 17, 1959 corroborated the information concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the New York State
(U) CP Industrial Division Convention held on November 13, 14, 1959 in New York City. NY T-29 further advised that at this convention BILL ALBERTSON was elected as a delegate from the New York CP Industrial Division Food and Bakers Region to the New York State CP Convention.

A SA of the FBI on November 13, 14, 1959 observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter Room 10-D, Adelphi Hall, New York City, during the aforementioned periods of time.

(U) Food and Bakers Region Convention
November 11, 1959

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NY T-29 on November 12, 1959 advised that on (U)
(U) November 11, 1959 BILL ALBERTSON was present at the convention of the Food and Bakers Region, New York State CP Industrial
(U) Division which was held in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, New York City. According to NY T-29 at this convention ALBERTSON gave the summation address.

(U) National CP Meetings

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NY T-23 on December 9, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the
(U) National Committee CP, USA which was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to formulate final plans for the CP, USA 17th National Convention.

NY T-9 on January 19, 1960 advised that BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Secretariat of the CP, USA which was held at CP headquarters, New York City on January 13, 1960.
(U) The purpose of this meeting, according to NY T-9, was to hear a report by the chairman of the CP of Puerto Rico.

(U) New York State CP Industrial Board Meeting

(U) NY T-28 on October 29, 1959 advised that on October 28, 1959 BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Industrial Board which was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. The main item of business at this meeting was a report on the proposed CP, USA Labor Resolution draft.

(U) Kings County CP Meetings

(U) NY T-20 on September 4, 1959 advised that on September 2, 1959 an enlarged meeting of the Kings County CP was held in Room 7, Parkway Plaza, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, between 9:00 p.m. and 11:20 p.m. According to NY T-20 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting and spoke concerning the forthcoming 40th anniversary celebration of the CP, USA.

(U) NY T-30 on September 2, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present in Room 7, Parkway Plaza, 1110 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, and participated in a meeting which was held therein during the hours 9:00 p.m. to 11:20 p.m.

(U) NY T-31 on October 20, 1959 advised that on October 18, 1959 BILL ALBERTSON was present and spoke at a general membership meeting of the Kings County CP which was held at the Brighton Beach Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, from approximately 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The agenda at this meeting included discussion on CP mass activity in Brooklyn and the question of CP organization.

(U) NY T-19 on October 19, 1959, NY T-20 on October 18, 1959, NY T-32 on October 20, 1959 and NY T-33 on October 26, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-31 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the Kings County CP meeting held at 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on October 18, 1959.

A SA of the FBI on October 18, 1959 observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter 3200 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, New York at 1:04 p.m.

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(U) Miscellaneous New York State CP Meeting

(U) NY T-18 on December 19, 1959 advised that on December 9, 1959 BILL ALBERTSON was present at a New York State CP Emergency Press meeting which was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ways and means of immediately raising funds for "The Worker".

(U) Youth Conferences

(U) NY T-31 on December 8, 1959 advised that on December 5, 1959 BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of CP and "progressive" non-Party CP youths, which was held on Room 18-E, Academy Hall, New York City. According to NY T-31 the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the formation of a Marxist Youth Organization. NY T-31 stated that ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting at which time he briefly traced the history of the Socialist minded youth in the United States and concluded his lecture by stating that that meeting reflected the trend of youth back to the CP.

(U) NY T-34 on December 8, 1959 advised that on December 5, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the first meeting of a group of youths who were attempting to establish a Marxist Youth group. ALBERTSON spoke to the assembled group stating that he was pleased with the progress and hoped that they would be able to establish a youth group. He further stated that the number of youth at the meeting was equal to the size of any other group of "Marxist" youth throughout the United States. He pledged the full support of the CP to this organization but added that "they" could not extend financial assistance to the group for obvious reasons but "they" would do whatever "they" could to aid the establishment of the Marxist Youth Group.

(U) NY T-21 on December 9, 1959 and NY T-35 on December 7, 1959, corroborated the information furnished by NY T-34 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the youth meeting held on December 5, 1959 at Academy Hall, New York City.

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(U) CP Activity in Upper New York State

(U) NY T-36 on October 27, 1959 advised that on (U) October 10, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a special (U) CP meeting which was held in Colonie, New York. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the mass activities of the Schenectady, New York CP. ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting (U) urging those present to become more active in mass organizations in their area. NY T-36 reported also at this meeting, CP fund drive money was collected and the proceeds turned over to ALBERTSON.

(U) CP Positions

(U) NY T-37 on October 30, 1959 advised that on October 29, 1959 MILTON ROSEN, New York State CP Labor (U) Secretary and head of the New York State CP Industrial Division, identified WILLIAM ALBERTSON as a member of the New York State CP Industrial Council which ROSEN described as the leading body of the New York State CP Industrial Division.

NY T-38 on January 7, 1960 advised that on January 6, 1960 the National Secretariat, CP, USA, met with a Sub-committee of the New York State CP Board to discuss the New York State CP leadership question. Among the recommendations of the National Secretariat made to the New York State CP Sub-committee for leadership positions in the New York district was (U) that WILLIAM ALBERTSON become Organizational Secretary.

Miscellaneous CP Activity

NY T-39 on October 6, 1959 advised that on (U) September 25, 1959 BILL ALBERTSON was present at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA which was held at (U) Carnegie Hall, New York City. According to the source, ALBERTSON assisted in the taking up of a financial collection at this meeting.

NY T-40 on October 26, 1959 and NY T-41 on October 16, 1959 advised that on October 2, 1959 WILLIAM (U) ALBERTSON was present at a meeting sponsored by "The Worker". The principal speaker at this meeting was JOSEPH NORTH who spoke on the topic, "My 6,000 Miles with KHRUSHCHEV", which was held at Central Plaza Annex, 40 East 7th Street, New York City.

NY T-40 on April 1, 1959 advised that as (U) of that date JOSEPH NORTH was the Foreign Editor of "The Worker".

(U) NY T-42 on January 9, 1960 advised that JOSEPH NORTH was elected to the New York State CP Committee at the reconvened session of the New York State CP Convention held on January 9, 1960.

NY T-43 on November 25, 1959 advised that on November 24, 1959 at a meeting of the Section Committee, (U) Railroad Section, New York CP, which was held at 959 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York, it was announced that special classes would start for members of the New York State CP Industrial Division commencing on December 1, 1959 and to (U) (U) run twice weekly for four weeks. Subsequently NY T-43 on December 1, 1959 made available information which reflected that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was scheduled to instruct a class entitled, "Two Classes on Political Action" on December 22, (U) and December 29, 1959.

III. AFFILIATION AND/OR SYMPATHIES WITH CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

(U) Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

(U) The FSS is documented in the appendix of this report.

NY T-44 on October 23, 1959 advised that on October 20, 1959 a class under the auspices of the FSS entitled, "Socialist Currents in the United States Today", was held at (U) 80 East 11th Street, New York City. The source stated that this was the first of eight classes on this subject to be held (U) with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as instructor. NY T-44 advised that at this class ALBERTSON explained the different facets of the Socialist Movement in the United States and the attempt at an organization to unify the Socialist groups in 1956.

(U) NY T-45 on October 28, 1959 and NY T-46 on October 26, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-44 concerning ALBERTSON's presence at the FSS class held (U) on October 20, 1959.

NY T-45 on October 28, 1959 advised thatonn October 27, 1959 a class sponsored by the FSS entitled, "Socialist Currents in the United States Today", was held at 80 East 11th Street, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, (U) the instructor, spoke on the basic difference between Marxism and Leninism. In way of explanation, ALBERTSON stated that Lenin advocated a dictatorship to establish the aims of the Party once it was in power, that all heads of government who were not in the CP had to be removed or else the Capitalists who (U) controlled these men would come back into power as happened in Germany after the first World War. According to NY T-45 ALBERTSON agreed with this policy as being correct.

(U) NY T-46 on October 28, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-45 concerning ALBERTSON's presence (U) at the FSS class held on October 27, 1959.

NY T-46 on November 5, 1959 advised that on (U) November 3, 1959 the third FSS class on "Socialist Currents in the United States Today" was held at the FSS, 80 East 11th (U) Street, New York City with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as instructor. NY T-46 advised that at this class ALBERTSON described the differences between Socialism and Leninism.

(U) NY T-45 on November 18, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-46 concerning ALBERTSON's (U) presence at the FSS class held on November 3, 1959.

NY T-46 on November 12, 1959 advised that on November 10, 1959 the fourth class in the series on "Socialist Currents in the United States Today" was held at the FSS, 80 (U) East 11th Street, New York City with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the instructor. This entire class was taken up with the discussion of the Socialist Party.

(U) NY T-45 on November 11, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-46 concerning ALBERTSON's presence (U) at the FSS class held on November 10, 1959.

NY T-46 on November 19, 1959 advised that on November 17, 1959 the fifth class on "Socialist Currents in the United States Today" was held at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the instructor. (U) This class was devoted to a discussion of the "Trotskyites".

(U) NY T-44 on December 2, 1959 and NY T-45 on November 18, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-49 concerning ALBERTSON's presence at the FSS class held on November 17, 1959.

(U) NY T-47 on December 10, 1959 advised that on November 17, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor of an FSS class on "Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure" which was held at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. ALBERTSON stated that this class was designed as an aid to union members so they might better participate in union meetings.

(U) NY T-48 on December 10, 1959 advised that on December 1, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor at the FSS class held at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. ALBERTSON, at this class, discussed Parliamentary Procedures dealing with the handling of motions.

(U) NY T-48 on December 10, 1959 advised that on December 8, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor at the FSS class entitled, "Socialist Currents in the United States Today", which was held at the FSS, New York City. At this class ALBERTSON discussed some of the Socialist publications in the United States.

(U) NY T-46 on December 14, 1959 corroborated the information furnished by NY T-48 concerning ALBERTSON's presence at the FSS class held on December 8, 1959.

(U) NY T-46 on December 21, 1959 advised that on December 15, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor of an FSS class on "Parliamentary Procedure" which was held at the FSS, New York City. This class was on formal meetings and how to make motions.

(U) NY T-46 on December 21, 1959 made available a copy of a printed winter term schedule of classes of the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. This schedule reflects that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would be the instructor of class number 9, "Socialist Currents in the United States Today" and co-instructor of class number 12, "Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure", both classes to be held on Tuesday evenings, January 19, 1960 through March 8, 1960.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

United Independent-Socialist Committee is documented in the appendix of this report.

NY T-39 on October 6, 1959 advised that on September 27, 1959 the second session of a two-day conference on 1960 electoral policy sponsored by the United Independent-Socialist Committee was held at 110 West 48th (U) (U) Street, New York City. According to NY T-39, BILL ALBERTSON of the CP was present at this meeting and presented the CP's plan of action to the conference.

(U) NY T-49 on October 9, 1959 corroborated the information (U) furnished by NY T-39 concerning ALBERTSON's attendance at the United Independent-Socialist Committee conference which (U) was held on September 27, 1959.

"The Worker" issue of October 11, 1959, page 6, column 1, contains an article by WILLIAM ALBERTSON entitled, "A Realistic Basis for Lefts' Election Unity". A preface to the article explains that the article is exeerpts from the report of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, New York State CP Secretary, whihh was read to the United Independent-Socialist Committee conference held the previous month. U

In this article ALBERTSON sets forth the CP 1960 electoral policy and concludes by calling for all Left ~~forces~~ to unite with the CP with the goal of a Farmer-Labor Party. U

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PART II

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

NY T-50 on November 17, 1959 advised that as of October 30, 1959 WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the payroll of the New York State CP receiving a weekly gross salary of $92.00
(U) and a net weekly salary of $78.80.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Membership

(U) National CP Meetings

(U) NY T-51 on October 7, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of several CP, USA functionaries which was held at CP headquarters, New York
(U) City. This meeting dealt with proposed pre-convention discussion plans.

(U) NY T-51 on October 14, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of several CPUSA
(U) functionaries which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting consisted of an informal discussion concerning pre-convention discussion and the resolutions being prepared for the forthcoming CP, USA 17th National Convention.

(U) NY T-51 advised on October 21, 1959 that on that date a meeting of the Resident National Executive Committee, CP, USA and invited guests was held at CP headquarters, New York
(U) City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting. The agenda primarily dealt with a suggestion by ALBERTSON that a committee of National Executive Committee members meet with the New York State CP leadership in order to help the New York State CP evaluate the work of the leadership.

(U) NY T-51 advised on November 4-9, 1959 that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at an enlarged National Executive Committee, CP, USA meeting which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting dealt with plans for the CP, USA 17th National Convention and a discussion on the
(U) CP, USA leadership problem.

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(U) NY T-51 on December 1, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of several CP USA functionaries which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. (U) The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ways and means of improving the financial status of "The Worker".

(U) NY T-51 on January 6, 1960 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of National CP functionaries and invited New York State CP functionaries which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. (U) Part of the agenda of this meeting was to discuss the leadership situation in the New York district.

(U) New York State CP Convention

(U) NY T-42 on November 27, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the first session of the New York State CP Convention which was held on the evening (U) of that date in Room 15-A, Academy Hall, New York City. (U) According to NY T-42 at this session ALBERTSON gave the report for the convention Presiding Committee and submitted a proposed agenda for the convention.

(U) NY T-42 on November 28, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the second day of sessions of the New York State CP Convention which was held at Academy Hall, New York City. NY T-42 reported that ALBERTSON gave the (U) organizational report at this session.

(U) According to NY T-42, ALBERTSON's report covered the activities of the New York State CP for the previous two years. According to ALBERTSON this period marked the defeat of the "revisionists" and saw the unification of the national and state leaderships. ALBERTSON discussed an analysis of the CP since 1957 noting the particular gains among the youth but also noting a sizeable decline of Negro membership.

ALBERTSON called for a doubling of the New York State CP membership within the next two years, and expansion of activity on behalf of the CP in the 1960 elections, the consolidation and strengthening of the Party on the group level and increasing the circulation of "The Worker".

ALBERTSON concluded by stating:

"Comrades, everywhere we turn we find a changing attitude toward the ideas of Socialism, to Communism, to the Party. More and more people are listening rather than showing

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contempt. Hundreds delved in the socialist lands and returned with wonderous stories. This together with the mounting economic, political and social struggles in which our Party is and will become more involved make it possible for this convention to pick the slogan, 'Double our membership before the next convention'."

(U) NY T-52 on November 28, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON attended the caucus of the New York State CP Industrial Division which was held as a part of the New York CP Convention. This meeting was held in Room 16-B, Academy Hall, New York City. The purpose of this caucus was to elect delegates from the Industrial Division to the National CP Convention.

(U) NY T-42 on January 8, 9, 1960 advised that on that date the reconvened session of the New York State CP Convention was held in Room 15-A, Academy Hall, New York City. NY T-42 reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at both days of this convention and was named to the preferred list of nominees to the new New York State CP Committee. NY T-42 further advised on January 9, 1960 that at the final session of the convention it was announced that ALBERTSON had been elected to the New York State CP Committee.

(U) New York State CP Committee

(U) NY T-53 on November 6,7, 1959 advised that on those dates WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee which was held in Room 11-B, Adelphi Hall, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to hear and discuss the main report which was to be given to the New York State CP Convention.

(U) New York State CP Board

(U) NY T-54 on September 21, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the then recent primary elections in New York City.

(U) NY T-54 on October 12, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. The agenda of this meeting included an outline for the main report to be given at the New York State CP Convention.

(U) NY T-54 on October 19, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the progress that had been made by the CP in New York in organizing youth.

(U) NY T-54 on October 26, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. This entire meeting dealt with the report on the New York State CP Industrial Division.

(U) NY T-54 on November 2, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a report on the outlook for the 1960 elections.

(U) NY T-54 on November 9, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. At this meeting a report on CP labor policy was read and discussed.

(U) NY T-54 on November 16, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. The agenda at this meeting included a report on CP activities in the Harlem area of New York City.

(U) NY T-54 on November 23, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Board which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on organization which would subsequently be given at the New York State CP Convention.

(U) New York State CP Staff

(U) NY T-54 on September 17, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the progress of organizing a CP youth commission and a plan of mass activity for the CP youth.

(U) NY T-54 on October 1, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. Part of the agenda at this meeting dealt with the problems of registration and re-enrollment of former and new members into the CP. ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting urging the use of "The Worker" mailing list as one source of new members. ALBERTSON also stated that he personally had been responsible for bringing into the CP during the past year, approximately seventeen persons, some who had previously dropped out and a few who had never been in the CP before. ALBERTSON stated that the CP must develop its own initiative and speak in its own name in the labor unions and in mass organizations.

(U) NY T-54 on October 8, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the United-Independent-Socialist Committee.

(U) NY T-54 on October 26, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss charges brought by ALBERTSON and JAMES TORMEY, New York State CP Board member, before the National Executive Committee, CP, USA alleging factionalism within the New York State CP leadership and ALBERTSON's request that the National Executive Committee look into the situation. Following discussion of this point ALBERTSON stated that he was withdrawing his charges and the request he had made before the National Executive Committee.

NY T-54 on October 29, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as the chairman of a meeting of the New York State CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. (U) The purpose of this meeting was to hear a report on the status of the New York County CP.

(U) NY T-54 on November 12, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. (U) This entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of the leadership problem in the New York district.

(U) NY T-54 on November 19, 1959 advised that on that date BILL ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Staff at CP headquarters, New York City. (U) The purpose of this meeting was to continue the discussion on the New York State CP leadership problem. At this meeting ALBERTSON spoke

(U) at length on the subject. According to NY T-54 ALBERTSON was critical of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, New York State CP Chairman, and defended his, ALBERTSON's, actions of which DAVIS had been critical. ALBERTSON stated that his previous agreement with DAVIS that he, ALBERTSON, would leave the New York State CP leadership after the New York State CP Convention, had now been repudiated. ALBERTSON stated that in "my" present thinking "I" intend to place "myself" at the disposal of the new State Committee as remaining in leadership regardless of who else was elected.

(U) NY T-54 advised on September 10, 1959 and November 25, 1959 that on those dates BILL ALBERTSON was present at meetings of the New York State CP Staff which were (U) held at CP headquarters, New York City.

(U) New York State CP Youth Commission

(U) NY T-54 on October 31, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Youth Commission which was held at CP headquarters, (U) New York City. ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting concerning the role the commission would play in the CP.

(U) NY T-54 on November 22, 1959 advised that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York State Youth Commission which was held at CP headquarters, (U) New York City. At this meeting ALBERTSON spoke on the feasability of establishing a Marxist Youth Organization which he favored.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the Communist Party (CP) in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "People who can't come into the Party and the fringe groups." The informant stated that WEISS had advised that he (WEISS) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that WEISS had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday Evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by HAROLD COLLINS. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the School" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

The schedule of classes for the 1958 Fall Term listed the school as Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with HERBERT APTHEKER as its Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case US versus KUZMA, ET AL (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940 had been consciously guided by what he thought was "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (CONT'D)

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On June 16, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS was acting in an educational capacity in the New York State CP and as an instructor at a CP cadre training school.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, pg. 4 column 1, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DAILY WORKER

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication January 13, 1958.

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UNITED INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST COMMITTEE,
Formerly known as the
Independent-Socialist Party

A confidential source advised in June, 1958, that the Independent-Socialist Party (I-SP) was organized at conferences held on June 13-15, 1958, in New York City.

Another confidential source advised in October, 1958, that the I-SP had as its ultimate aim the establishment of a national labor party.

An article in the February 2, 1959, issue of "The Militant" entitled "N.Y. Socialists Discuss Possibilities for 1960," related that the I-SP on January 24, 1959, had voted unanimously at a meeting to continue activities as the United Independent-Socialist Committee (UI-SC).

Early in February, 1959, the first confidential source mentioned that between January and the fall of 1959, the UI-SC would engage in struggles of the "left" and would participate in the fight for "peace, coexistence, civil liberties and civil rights and support the struggles of colored peoples and the struggle for passports, etc."

Early in May, 1959, the first confidential source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was then the dominant group in the UI-SC and was in a position from which it could direct and control activities of the UI-SC.

An article, "UI-SC Disbands in N.Y.; Failed to Agree on '60," which appeared in the November 9, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian," related in part: "Because of disagreement over electoral policy for 1960, New York United Independent-Socialist Committee has voted to dissolve."

The headquarters of the UI-SC was located at 799 Broadway, New York City.

"The Militant" is a weekly newspaper of the SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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THE WORKER

"The Worker" is an east coast communist weekly newspaper.

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February 28, 1950

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Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act, 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York. b6 b7C

NY T-1 through NY T-41 and NY T-43 to NY T-51 and NY T-54 have furnished reliable information in the past.

(U) NY T-42, NY T-52 and NY T-53 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

Confidential informants mentioned in the appendix of the report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: April 29, 1960

FROM : Mr. E. B. Reddy

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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~~DATE OF REVIEW~~ 3-31-84

There is attached a photograph of a biographical sketch of the subject, a member of the national committee, Communist Party (CP), USA. The original of this sketch was obtained by Chicago informant CG 5824-S during the March, 1960, meeting of the national committee held in Chicago, Illinois. The original of the sketch has been submitted by the informant to the Party's national headquarters in New York. (100-3-69-7683)

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It is noted that the sketch was prepared in response to the following 13 specific questions.

1. Name
2. Age
3. National and social origin and occupation
4. Length of time in CP
5. Where joined
6. Who recommended or knows you
7. Did you ever drop out of the CP since joining? When? For what reason?
8. Has any disciplinary action ever been taken against you?
9. (a) Were you ever arrested?
   (b) For what reason? When? Where?
   (c) Did you ever serve in prison? When? Where? How long?
10. Are you a member of any mass organization? Trade Union? Which National Group Organization?
11. Are you a war veteran? Member of any Veterans Organization?

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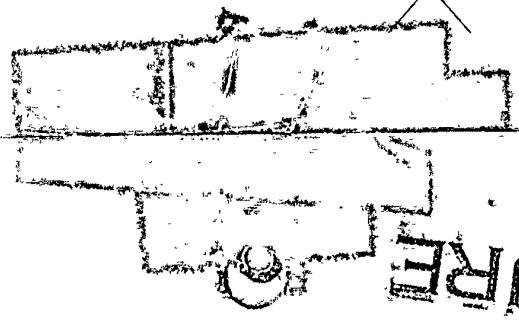
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12. What is your present position in CP? What other committees are you a member of?
13. Married? How long? Children_____Number_____ Wife or husband in C.P.?

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3) Jewish
Born Russia
Food-Worker
Mother-House

1) Wm. Albertson 2) 49 + 11 months

4. Joined YCL 1927 - Early 1928

5. In Pittsburgh, Pa

6. Mother was Ida. Also Dave Lewis, Irving Kimoff, Tony Lucevich & others at that time in Pittsburgh.

7. Born

8. No

9. a) Yes

b) Smith act Pittsburgh 1952. Was sworn by FBI Pittsburgh 1929. Union picket lines 1939.

c) Pittsburgh - 1953 - 60 days "contempt", Smith act witness. Detroit 10 days 1954 waiting for bail.

10. Yes. A.C.L.U.

11. No

12. My State organizing - State & National Committees.

13. Yes, Present address 5 years. Boy 3 1/2 years old. Previous marriage 20 years ago, now 27 and 23 years old

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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Re New York airtel dated 3/22/60, captioned as above.

(U) On 3/28/60, CG 5824-S* advised that CLARENCE HATHAWAY and WILLIAM ALBERTSON departed from Chicago, evening of 3/27/60, in HATHAWAY's car for New York City.

The description of HATHAWAY's car was furnished by New York in reairtel.

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1-100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
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Report of SA [redacted], 2/23/60 at New York.

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Part I of this report is admissable evidence and Part II is inadmissable evidence.

Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

(U) NY 694-S*, former [redacted] and [redacted] were used to characterize the FSS.

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6/22/66 NY 0-1 [redacted] amended signature page attached.

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Advance, An Organization Of Progressive Youth

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Surveillances

SAS JOHN F. LANGTRY and [redacted] observed ALBERTSON at 74 5th Avenue, NY, NY on 1/23/60. b6 b7C

SAS JOHN B. COULTON and [redacted] observed ALBERTSON on 2/10/60, Room 10-G, Adelphi Hall, NY, NY.

SA JOHN B. COULTON observed ALBERTSON on 12/16/59 and 1/13/60 in connection with Industrial CP meetings.

The following SAS observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters on the indicated dates:

Special Agent	Dates Observed
SA [redacted]	1/18, 20, 21, 29; 2/8, 12, 29; 3/1, 3, 14, 15/60
SA STEPHEN FEDUNIAK	1/19, 25-27; 3/21/60
SA WILLIAM J. BARRON	1/28; 2/1, 3, 5, 10, 23, 24, 26; 3/9-11/60
SA [redacted]	2/17, 18/60

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These observations are contained in 100-129629-4187, 4250, 4253, 4318, 4327, 4344, 4388, 4421 and 4426.

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NY T-4		
NY T-5 CG 5824-S*		(U) 100-129629-4422 b7D
NY T-6		(U) 100-129629-4158
NY T-7 NY 694-S*		
NY T-8	(U) 1/13/60 1/11/60	(U)
NY T-9		
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NY T-10 [redacted]	1/12/60	[redacted]
NY T-11 [redacted]	1/13/60	
NY T-12 [redacted]	1/11,22/60	
NY T-13 [redacted]	1/15/60	100-129629-4305
NY T-14 [redacted]	1/22/60	
NY T-15 [redacted]	1/15/60	
NY T-16 [redacted]	1/20/60	
NY T-17 [redacted]		
NY T-18 [redacted]		

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NY T-19 [redacted]	[redacted]
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NY T-21 [redacted]	
NY T-22 NY 384-S*	
NY T-23 [redacted]	
NY T-24 [redacted]	
NY T-25 [redacted]	
NY T-26 [redacted] BSI	
NY T-27 [redacted]	
NY T-28 [redacted] PSI	
NY T-29 NY 559-S*	

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NY T-30	
NY 2017-S*	NY T-31
	NY 2359-S*
NY T-32	
NY 2733-S*	
NY T-33	
NY 2802-S*	
NY T-34	
NY 2358-S*	
NY T-35	
NY 2817-S*	
NY T-36	
NY 2790-S*	
NY T-37	
NY 2776-S*	

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Will continue investigation through established sources and techniques to develop admissible evidence on the subject.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)
it contains information received from [NY] 2358-S*, NY 2359-S* and NY 2017-S*. The unauthorized disclosure of these informants would be prejudicial to the best interests of the U.S. as it would disclose the fact that the Bureau has coverage of high level CP meetings and headquarters of the NY District CP and CP, USA.

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8. [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
his workmen's compensation case is currently being contested in court, and consideration to an interview of ALBERTSON is being deferred until litigation is completed.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
he is the Organization Secretary, NY State CP, as set out in the details.

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Bureau 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Synopsis: WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 520 West 110th Street, NY, NY. ALBERTSON: elected Organizational Secretary, NYSCP, and member of NYSCP Board during meeting of NYSCP Committee, 1/23/60. Information received ALBERTSON: attended National CP Committee meeting in Chicago, 3/25-27/60, CP,USA 17th National Convention held 12/10-13/59, and the reconvened session of NYSCP Convention held 1/8-9/60. Information received that it was agreed that ALBERTSON be a member of the Organization Bureau, CP,USA, and that ALBERTSON on 1/29/60 directed that persons should refuse to testify on CP activities before Congressional Committees. ALBERTSON: attended regular meetings of NYSCP Board, Staff and Youth Commission during January and February, 1960; CP Food and Bakers Regional Council meetings, 2/26; 3/1/60; meetings of the CP,USA Secretariat and invited guests, 1/21; 2/10; 3/2 and 4/4/60. Information received that ALBERTSON counselled CP youth on nature of a Youth Organization and its relationship to the CP; that he gave a report of CP fund drive goals, 1/23/60, and that he taught classes at the Faculty of Social Science, 3/1,8/60.

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DETAILS:

PART I

A. BACKGROUND

Residence

Mr. JOSEPH MONTALVO, Superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York, advised SA MARTIN J. HACKETHAL on April 29, 1960, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON and his family reside in Apartment 12-A at that address.

Employment

"The Worker" issue of January 31, 1960, page 16, identified WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the Organizational Secretary of the New York State Communist Party (NYSCP) and member of the NYSCP Board.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) during the period of January 18, 1960 to March 21, 1960, observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York, on almost a daily basis.

NY T-14 advised on January 24, 1960 that on January 22, 1960 income tax reports had been prepared for those persons who received salaries from the NYSCP. The informant reported the figure of $4,876.00 was listed behind ALBERTSON's name. (U)

B. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The CP,USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The New York District CP is commonly referred to as the New York State CP (NYSCP).(U)

(U) Attendance at National CP Meetings

(U) NY T-1 advised on December 14, 1959 that ALBERTSON attended the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA held in the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th (U) Avenue, New York, New York during the period of December 10-13, 1959, and was nominated for the National Committee, CP,USA.

(U) NY T-2 advised on December 14-15, 1959 that ALBERTSON (U) attended the sessions of the 17th National CP Convention.

(U) NY T-3 on December 15, 1959 advised that a report on "youth" was given by a person announced as "Comrade BILL" (U) during the December 12, 1959 session of the 17th National CP Convention.

(U) NY T-3 on January 28, 1960 identified a photograph of ALBERTSON as the individual who was known to him as "Comrade BILL", who the informant had previously reported (U) made a report on youth at the 17th National CP Convention.

(U) NY T-5 on March 25, 28, 1960 advised that (U) ALBERTSON as a member of the National CP Committee attended (U) a meeting of that committee at the Midwest Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, from March 25, 1960 through March 27, 1960.

(U) NY T-6 on March 29, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON (U) attended the three day meeting of the CP National Committee held in Chicago on March 25-27, 1960.

NY T-7 on February 1, 1960 advised that a CP,USA leader reported on that date that the National Secretariat, CP,USA, had met the previous week and decided upon personnel for various positions in the CP,USA national organization. According to the informant, ALBERTSON was selected as a (U) member of the Organization Bureau.

(U) State CP Meetings and Activity

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(U) State CP Convention

(U) NY T-8 through NY T-12 advised during January, 1960 that ALBERTSON attended the January 8-9, 1960 meetings of the reconvened session of the NYSCP Convention and was elected to the NYSCP Committee during January 9, 1960 meeting.

(U) NY T-2 and NY T-13 through NY T-16 advised during January, 1960 that ALBERTSON attended the January 8-9, 1960 meetings of the reconvened session of the NYSCP Convention in New York, New York.

(U) NY T-17 and NY T-4 advised on January 27, 1960 and January 11, 1960 respectively that ALBERTSON attended the January 9, 1960 meeting of the reconvened session of the NYSCP Convention.

(U) NY T-18 on January 11, 1960 advised ALBERTSON attended the January 8, 1960 session of the reconvened session of the NYSCP Convention.

(U) NY T-12 on January 14, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON was present during the January 7, 1960 meeting of the Presiding Committee for the NYSCP Convention which was held January 8-9, 1960. The informant reported the Committee members drew up an agenda for the Convention and also recommended persons who should be nominated for membership in the NYSCP Committee.

(U) State CP Committee

(U) NY T-12 advised on January 23, 29, 1960 and NY T-19 on January 28, 1960, that during a NYSCP Committee meeting held on January 23, 1960 ALBERTSON was elected Organizational Secretary of the NYSCP. The informants also advised that ALBERTSON was elected to the NYSCP Board at this meeting, and that he gave a report on CP fund drive goals and listed the quotas designated for each CP county organization.

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(U) NY T-20 on January 25, 1960 also advised that ALBERTSON was elected Organizational Secretary for the NYSCP during the January 23, 1960 meeting of the NYSCP Committee. The informant reported that ALBERTSON gave a report on the condition of the NYSCP. According to the informant, ALBERTSON stated that the party is now united and plans to develop its' membership and increase the circulation of "The Worker".

(U) NY T-10 advised on January 23, 25, 1960, that ALBERTSON was elected Organizational Secretary of the NYSCP during a meeting of the State CP Committee, January 23, 1960. The informant also advised that ALBERTSON was elected to the NYSCP Board and gave a CP building report during the meeting.

(U) NY T-12 on January 23, 1960 advised the NYSCP Committee met that date in Room 11D, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. Special Agents of the FBI observed ALBERTSON entering Room 11D, 74 Fifth Avenue, at 10:40 a.m., January 23, 1960.

(U) State Board

(U) NY T-10 advised on February 2, 1960 that ALBERTSON attended the February 1, 1960 meeting of the NYSCP Board in New York, New York, and heard a report on the 1960 elections.

(U) NY T-10 advised on February 12, 1960 that ALBERTSON attended the February 11, 1960 meeting of the NYSCP Board and that ALBERTSON reported on the results of a NYSCP Staff meeting.

(U) NY T-10 on March 8, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYSCP Board on February 25, 1960 and that ALBERTSON spoke briefly concerning a CP Staff meeting held the previous week.

(U) Industrial CP Meetings

(U) On March 1, 1960, NY T-21 advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Food and Bakers' Regional Council, New York Industrial CP Division, on February 26, 1960 and announced that the CP now desires its members of the (U) Industrial Division to join the American Negro Labor Council (ANLC). ALBERTSON cautioned the members to join the ANLC on an individual basis since the head of the ANLC is A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH, whom ALBERTSON described as an anti-Communist and a person who would resist any attempts of the CP to infiltrate his organization. The informant also reported that ALBERTSON urged the members to actively support the campaign to increase the circulation of "The Worker".

(U) NY T-21 advised on March 15, 1960 that on March 11, 1960 ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Food (U) and Bakers Regional Council, 225 West 46th Street, New York, New York. The informant advised that most of the meeting was devoted to a discussion and plans for a fund raising party by that group.

(U) NY T-21 advised on February 4, 1960 that (U) ALBERTSON indicated on February 3, 1960 that he was interested in getting various CP clubs in the Industrial CP Division organized again.

(U) NY T-4 advised on February 12, 1960 that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Industrial CP Division at 74 Fifth Avenue on February 10, 1960. (U) The informant stated a report was given on the political elections and the role of the CP in these elections.

(U) County CP Meetings

(U) NY T-22 advised on March 21, 1960 that ALBERTSON spoke on the 1960 elections during a meeting of the Bronx County CP Committee, March 2, 1960, in the (U) Bronx. The informant stated ALBERTSON in part spoke as follows:

The world is on the threshold of winning peaceful coexistence and that the peaceful policy of the Soviet Union is winning the people of the world and is strengthening the peace. The economic power will shift

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in 1960 from the capitalist to the socialist world. The main task in the 1960 elections is to mobolize organizations and individuals to press the issues of peace and coexistence."

(U) NY T-9 on March 7, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON was the guest speaker during a meeting of the Bronx County CP Committee on March 2, 1960. The informant stated (U) ALBERTSON gave a report on the 1960 elections along the following lines:

The 1960 elections are of such interest to the working people. The world is on the threshold of peaceful coexistence. In the very near future the Soviet Union will have reached and surpassed the United States and other capitalist countries. The main objective in the 1960 elections is peace and any new administration must work for peace and not the continuation of the cold war policy."

(U) NY T-10, NY T-19, NY T-23 advised on January 17, (U) 19 and 18, 1960 respectively, that ALBERTSON was present during the Kings County CP reconvened Convention held in Brooklyn, New York, on January 16, 1960. The informants (U) stated that a county committee was elected at this meeting.

(U) CP Youth Commission

(U) NY T-23 on January 25, 1960 advised that (U) ALBERTSON attended a January 22, 1960 meeting of the (U) NYSCP Youth Commission in New York, New York. The informat reported on ALBERTSON as follows:

ALBERTSON suggested that CP youth should be represented at a White House Conference on Youth, March 27 - April 2, 1960, in Washington, D.C. The membership agreed with this suggestion. ALBERTSON outlined the desired policy of a proposed Youth Organization, stating the Youth

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Organization will have no organizational ties with the CP other than ideological ties. The organization is to have political campaign relations with the CP. The organization will not be anti-Soviet and it will not be neutral in any attitude taken, and the organization in its constitution is to recognize either the CP,USA or the CP of the U.S.S.R.(U)

ALBERTSON went on to discuss loyalty pledges and how they should be handled when a member of a youth organization is confronted with a loyalty pledge when he seeks employment. ALBERTSON stated the members should either sign the pledge or quit the Youth Organization. ALBERTSON also indicated that if a member were to sign the loyalty pledge, he could continue his youth activities but not on a formal membership basis. ALBERTSON said that the role of CP members in a Youth Organization would be to guarantee the success of that organization.(U)

ALBERTSON indicated that if the Youth Organization "goes off the path of Marxism" there would be an investigation by the CP. ALBERTSON also stated that there will be caucuses of CP youth members when and if any difficult situations arise in the Youth Organization.(U)

NY T-24 on February 4, 1960 advised that on January 30, 1960 a pre-convention conference was held by CP youth and progressive non-Party youth in preparation (U) for the formation of a new Marxist youth organization. The informant reported that ALBERTSON spoke at this meeting as a CP representative, in part as follows:

"The Marxist Youth Organization would not constitute a Marxist vanguard organization. The CP's vanguard role can not be delegated. The Marxist Youth Organization will be a solidarity and action group."

(U) NY T-24 on February 15, 1960 advised that Advance, An Organization of Progressive Youth, was formed on February 14, 1960 during its founding convention held February 13-14, 1960 at St. Mark's Place, New York, New York, and that ALBERTSON was present on both days.

A characterization of the above organization is included in the Appendix Section of this report.

(U) Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

(U) A characterization of the FSS is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

(U) NY T-25 and NY T-26 on March 9, 1960 advised that on March 8, 1960 the second session of the class entitled "Parliamentary Procedure" was taught by ALBERTSON at the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York, New York. NY T-26 reported that ALBERTSON made no political references.

(U) NY T-25 on March 2, 1960 and NY T-26 on March 9, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON was the instructor of a class held at the FSS on March 1, 1960. NY T-26 reported the class was entitled "Parliamentary Procedure" and that ALBERTSON stated that it was important to know points of procedure in order to get the most out of union meetings.

(U) 36th Anniversary of "The Worker"

(U) NY T-13 and NY T-27 advised on February 25, 1960 and February 24, 1960, respectively, that ALBERTSON attended the February 19, 1960 celebration of the 36th Anniversary of "The Worker" at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York.

(U) NY T-28 advised on February 25, 1960 that ALBERTSON was placing circulars and letters on the seats in Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, on February 19, 1960 in preparation for the celebration of the 36th Anniversary of "The Worker" that evening.

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(U) NY T-29 on January 6, 1960 advised a CP,USA leader stated on January 4, 1960 that the resident national officers of the CP,USA in New York had been meeting that week to discuss the increasing split within the New York CP. He also stated that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. wanted to step out of the national CP leadership and retain his New York State chairmanship in order to fight the ALBERTSON opposition.

"The Worker" issue of May 1, 1960 identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR as the National Secretary of the CP,USA.

"The Worker" issue of February 14, 1960, page 16, contained an article captioned "Argue Albertson Case On March 1". The article contained the following information:

"The New York State Attorney General will argue on March 1 before the Court of Appeals that William Albertson, Secretary of the New York State Communist Party should be denied the unemployment insurance due him. This action is an appeal against a recent decision of the Appelate Division which had reversed the State Attorney General. The State Attorney contends the Communist Control Act outlaws the Communist Party and has deprived it of the right to be an employer, and that every Communist Party employee is a participant in a criminal conspiracy."

PART II

A. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Employment

(U) NY T-30 on December 8, 1959 advised ALBERTSON was scheduled to receive a net pay of $78.80 from the NYSCP for the weeks ending December 4, 1959 and December 11, 1959.

(U) NY T-30 on February 4, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON was scheduled to receive a net pay of $78.65 from the NYSCP for the week ending January 29, 1960.

B. NATIONAL CP MEETINGS

(U) NY T-31 on April 4, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON participated in a meeting of the CP,USA Secretariat and invited guests in New York, New York, on that date. The informant reported it was decided at that meeting to have National CP Committee members report on the results of the most recent meeting of the National Committee to CP clubs. According to the informant, ALBERTSON suggested that National Committee members explain to CP clubs national issues and help the clubs mobilize for the June primaries. He also proposed that a discussion guide be prepared to be used by CP leaders in making their reports to the clubs to insure that all major issues are covered and to prevent individual leaders from confining their reports to the issues which they personally consider most important.

(U) NY T-31 on March 2, 1960 advised ALBERTSON participated in a meeting of the CP,USA Secretariat and invited guests that date in New York, New York. The informant reported ALBERTSON reported on the founding

convention of Advance, An Organization of Progressive Youth, which was held February 13-14, 1960.

(U) NY T-31 advised on February 10, 1960 that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the CP National Secretariat and invited guests that date in New York, New York. The (U) informant reported ALBERTSON delivered a report on a youth conference scheduled for that month. ALBERTSON said that at that conference it was planned to adopt a policy, program and constitution to establish a youth organization. ALBERTSON listed the purpose of the organization and the problems facing the organization.

(U) NY T-31 advised on January 21, 1960 that WILLIAM ALBERTSON participated in a CP, USA Secretariat meeting on that date along with members of the NYSCP Staff. (U) The informant reported the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed slate for officers for the NYSCP. At this meeting, according to the informant, ALBERTSON supported the selection of CLARENCE HATHAWAY as the proposed new leader of the NYSCP.

"The Worker" issue of April 10, 1960 identified CLARENCE HATHAWAY as the New York State Chairman of the CP.

(U) NYSCP Convention and Committee Meetings

(U) NY T-32 advised on November 29, 1959 that (U) ALBERTSON participated in the afternoon session of the NYSCP Convention that date and made some comments regarding CP youth work. According to the informant, ALBERTSON informed the convention that a youth group, Communists and non-Communists, had made progress in efforts to establish a Marxist youth organization, and that the CP should pledge (U) its support in the setting up of such an organization.

NY T-33 on January 23, 1960 advised ALBERTSON (U) called to order the first meeting of the newly elected

(U) State CP Committee on that date and also gave a report on the condition of the NYSCP. According to the informant, ALBERTSON said the CP is united and will seek to increase its membership and the circulation of "The Worker". ALBERTSON outlined the objectives by committees for increasing the circulation of "The Worker" and for obtaining funds for the CP.

(U) State CP Board Meetings

(U) NY T-34 on February 25, 1960 advised ALBERTSON attended a meeting that date of the NYSCP Board in New York, New York. The informant reported the meeting was largely devoted to hearing a report on peace and political issues.

(U) NY T-34 advised on February 1, 1960 that ALBERTSON participated in a NYSCP Board meeting that date and gave a report on the work of the Board and on the time and frequency the Board should meet.

(U) NY T-34 on January 16, 1960 advised ALBERTSON acted as Chairman of a meeting of the NYSCP Board that date in New York, New York. The informant stated the meeting was devoted to hearing a report on the proposed new leadership of the NYSCP and that there was unanimous agreement that ALBERTSON should be the Organizational Secretary of the NYSCP.

(U) NY T-34 advised on January 4, 1960 that ALBERTSON participated in a meeting of the NYSCP Board that date in New York, New York. The informant advised that this was a continuation of the Board meeting of December 28, 1959 wherein the question of the NYSCP leadership was discussed. The informant reported on ALBERTSON's activities as follows:

ALBERTSON charged he had been accused of building a factional machine, permiting others to express chauvinistic

ideas, lack of enthusiasm and of being bureaucratic. ALBERTSON said he tried to find some truth in this but could not. ALBERTSON criticized the leadership and the actions of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. and called for a collective leadership. ALBERTSON proposed a committee of five to meet with the National CP Secretariat to discuss NYSCP leadership problems. The informant advised that this proposal was passed and that ALBERTSON was included in the committee of five.

(U) NY T-34 on December 28, 1959 advised that ALBERTSON participated in a meeting of the NYSCP Board (U) that date in New York, New York. The informant related that the meeting was concerned with the problems of leadership for the NYSCP. The informant said that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. discussed the charges of factionalism within the NYSCP brought before the National Executive Committee, CP,USA, previously by ALBERTSON and another person. DAVIS mentioned that these charges had been withdrawn but that he was still critical of the way ALBERTSON had failed to carry out his CP assignments in the DAVIS election campaign and in trade union work.

(U) NY T-34 on December 21, 1959 advised that on that date a meeting of the State CP Board was held in (U) New York, New York, and that ALBERTSON advised the members of the agenda which would be discussed by the State CP Board in its future meetings before the reconvened session of the State CP Convention in January, 1960.

(U) State CP Staff Meetings

(U) NY T-34 on February 4, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting that date of the NYSCP (U) Staff in New York, New York. The informant advised that ALBERTSON briefed the members on the progress being made

by CP youths toward the formation of a Marxist Youth Organization. The informant also advised that ALBERTSON gave a short report on the progress of a CP fund drive.

(U) NY T-34 on January 28, 1960 advised that (U) ALBERTSON attended the January 28, 1960 meeting of the NYSCP Staff and that he participated in a discussion on the political elections and recommended that commissions be set up to carry out CP work, such as Negro and Labor Commissions.

(U) NY T-34 on January 21, 1960 advised ALBERTSON (U) attended a State CP Staff meeting that date and gave a report on a CP fund drive and listed the amount desired from that drive as well as the duration of the drive.

(U) NY T-34 advised on January 14, 1960 that (U) ALBERTSON attended the State CP Staff meeting that date and gave a report on a planned anti-Semitism demonstration in front of the German Consulate scheduled for January 18, 1960.

(U) NY T-34 on January 7, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON functioned as Chairman during a meeting of the State CP (U) Staff that date. The informant reported that a list of 60 to 70 names had been prepared during the meeting and that it was suggested that ALBERTSON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. cut this list of candidates down to approximately 50 persons, which would be the preferred list of nominees for the State Committee of the CP, USA.

(U) NY T-34 on December 18, 1959 advised that (U) ALBERTSON attended a State CP Staff meeting that date and that ALBERTSON suggested an agenda for the reconvened session of the NYSCP Convention and subject matter for future NYSCP Board meetings. ALBERTSON also reported on a special fund drive for $5,000 during December, 1959. He stated that "they" had raised about 92 per cent of the $5,000 figure and then listed the amounts raised by various CP counties and the NYSCP organizations.

(U) NY T-34 advised on December 3, 1959 that ALBERTSON acted as Chairman during a meeting of the NYSCP Staff held that date and that ALBERTSON commented that there was an urgent need for finances to continue the publication of "The Worker".

CP Industrial Meetings

(U) NY T-35 advised on February 10, 1960 that a meeting of the Industrial Council, Industrial Division, NYSCP, was held that date in Room 10-G, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. Special Agents of the FBI observed ALBERTSON in Room 10-G, 74 Fifth Avenue, while the above meeting was in progress.

(U) NY T-36 advised on January 13, 1960 that a meeting of the Executive Board, Industrial Division, NYSCP, was held that date in Room 9E, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. A Special Agent of the FBI on January 13, 1960 observed ALBERTSON entering Room 9E at 8:05 p.m. NY T-36 had advised that the above meeting was in progress at 8:05 p.m.

(U) NY T-37 advised on December 16, 1959 that on that date a meeting of the Industrial Council, Industrial Division, NYSCP, was held in Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, commencing at approximately 8:00 p.m. A Special Agent of the FBI on December 16, 1959 observed ALBERTSON as he entered Room 8K, referred to above, at 8:40 p.m.

(U) CP Youth Meetings

(U) NY T-34 on March 13, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON attended on that date a meeting of the NYSCP Youth Commission in New York, New York. According to the informant,

ALBERTSON reviewed CP youth work in New York for the past two years, pointing out that the National CP Committee in February, 1958 decided that youth work was most important and should be handled as rapidly as possible. ALBERTSON remarked that now the CP has a policy and a program on youth and there is a youth organization which the CP helped to get started. The informant reported that ALBERTSON then reviewed the steps in forming a youth organization and the orientation necessary to make a youth organization successful. The informant reported that the Youth Commission accepted ALBERTSON's report although there were some votes against it and also some abstentions.

(U) NY T-34 on February 8, 1960 advised ALBERTSON (U) attended that date a meeting of the NYSCP Youth Commission, which was concerned with the leadership and the program of a proposed youth organization and preparation for the Organizing Convention scheduled for February 13-14, 1960. According to the informant, ALBERTSON commented as follows:

The educational program for the new Youth Organization has to indicate some important questions which confront the New York area, such as juvenile delinquency and wages for Negro and Puerto Rican youths. On the leadership program, it was necessary to discuss leadership since there was a problem of guaranteeing the composition of the leadership to be established at the Convention. The leadership should be a combination of Communists and non-Communists. ALBERTSON then listed officers for the proposed Youth Organization.

(U) NY T-34 on February 6, 1960 advised that (U) ALBERTSON participated that date in a meeting of the NYSCP Youth Commission and the informant advised that ALBERTSON commented in part as follows:

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The Youth Commission had requested that the CP State leadership meet with the Youth Commission to discuss the formation of a new youth organization. In discussions on the proposed youth organization, one question that continues to arise is the concept of bringing forth a Marxist-Leninist organization. The CP's resolution on a Marxist-Leninist organization is that only the CP is such an organization. A new organization is to be fundamentally a socialist organization dedicated to participate in the everyday struggle for youth and that it should teach its membership the sciences of Marxism-Leninism. (U)

The second question, continued ALBERTSON, is the relationship of the Youth Organization with the CP. There will be many methods within which the relationship will exist. It is not necessary to spell out the relationship with the CP in the constitution. Membership is open to all whether they just want to learn socialism or participate in it. It is open to all with the exception of groups that are anti-Communist, racial and Fascist. (U)

(U) NY T-34 advised on January 22, 1960 that ALBERTSON attended a NYSCP Youth Commission meeting that date, and the reported on ALBERTSON's activities in part as follows;

ALBERTSON noted that a White House Conference on Youth was to be held in March, 1960 and he felt that the CP should be represented at this conference. As a result, it was decided to select two people to attend. ALBERTSON then proceeded to talk about a proposed new youth organization. He said the new organization is not to have any organizational ties with the CP other than an ideological tie. The organization in its constitution should recognize the CP and the U.S.S.R. ALBERTSON said that if the Marxist Youth Organization differed from CP policy, the CP would ask its members what was going on and said, "if the Youth Organization goes off the path of Marxism, there will be an investigation by the Communist Party". (U)

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(U) NY T-34 on January 25, 1960 advised that ALBERTSON was present during a meeting of the NYSCP Youth Commission that date. The informant advised that ALBERTSON told the Commission that the CP youth must have unity in their ranks before they attempt to form a youth organization, and suggested that the Commission meet with the NYSCP Board to amplify their discussions. The informant reported that the Youth Commission agreed to meet with the State CP Board.

(U) NY T-34 advised on January 15, 1960 that

(U) ALBERTSON attended the January 15, 1960 meeting of the

(U) NYSCP Youth Commission. The informant advised that it was announced that there would be an anti-Semitism demonstration in front of the German UN Delegation building. According to the informant, ALBERTSON said this was very important for young comrades and that they should participate in this demonstration, and that it would stimulate others into action.

(U) NY T-34 on December 2, 1959 advised that

(U) ALBERTSON participated in a NYSCP Youth Commission meeting that date and offered suggestions to the Youth Commission members, who were discussing a plan of work for a Youth Convention scheduled for December 5,1959.

(U) Miscellaneous

(U) NY T-31 advised on March 31, 1960 that

(U) ALBERTSON participated in a meeting that date in New York with CP leaders regarding plans for "The Worker". The informant reported that ALBERTSON offered comments on the make-up of "The Worker" and efforts to increase the circulation of "The Worker".

(U) NY T-31 on February 3, 1960 advised ALBERTSON participated in a meeting held that date at CP Headquarters, to discuss the question of parole for HENRY WINSTON.

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ALBERTSON urged that special stories be written about WINSTON and that people should be urged to write proper authorities urging parole for WINSTON.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 1, 1951 identified HENRY WINSTON as a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, elected at its 15th National Convention in December, 1950.

The "Daily Worker" is a former East coast Communist daily newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

WINSTON was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949 for violation of the Smith Act. He was also convicted for contempt in failing to surrender to serve his sentence until 1956. He is still in custody for these convictions.

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NY T-31 on January 29, 1960 advised ALBERTSON took part in a meeting at CP Headquarters, which was concerned with the CP's position regarding testifying before various Congressional Committees. The informant reported that ALBERTSON said that once a person answers questions in the affirmative in a particular area, then that person has waived the right to use the "5th" in that area. ALBERTSON said that if a person said he was a member of the CP, that person would then have to answer all questions, such as who is on the National Committee and who is on the State CP Committee. ALBERTSON said he would not answer questions unless he could take the offensive and bring out the line of the CP. He said it is important not to help a Congressional Committee in thinking it has the right to go into a person's thinking.

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APPENDIX

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth

A confidential source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance was organized at a Founding Convention held in New York City on February 13 - 14, 1960. (U)

Another confidential source advised on March 2, 1960, that the Declaration of Principles, adopted at the Founding Convention of Advance, included the following pertinent points: a stand for peace and total disarmament; equal rights; anti-discrimination; struggles against forces of opposition to the Bill of Rights; an organized approach to Marxist theory; inform prospective applicants of the group's Declaration of Principles. This source stated that the Declaration of Principles was believed by the CP, USA Secretariat to be essentially the line of the National CP leadership. (U)

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated February 28, 1960, carried an article on page 14, entitled "New York City Marxist Youth Group Formed." This article lists four of the top officers of Advance, including JAKE ROSEN, MARVIN MARKMAN as Vice-Presidents, and MIKE STEIN as Educational Director. (U)

N.Y.

C.P. members

(U) Another confidential source advised on September 23, 1959, that at a meeting of Communist youth held September 20, 1959, JAKE ROSEN and MARVIN MARKMAN were announced as members of the New York State CP Youth Commission in charge of student activities and Youth Commission Co-ordinator, respectively. This confidential source advised on December 29, 1959, that MIKE STEIN was elected Educational Director of the Manhattan CP Youth Club on December 11, 1959.

The first confidential source advised on March 8, 1960, that Advance maintains a headquarters in Room 636, at 799 Broadway, New York City, and is currently engaged in the formation of clubs in all boroughs of New York City.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the Communist Party (CP) in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "People who can't come into the Party and the fringe groups." The informant stated that WEISS had advised that he (WEISS) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that WEISS had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday Evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by HAROLD COLLINS. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the School" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

The schedule of classes for the 1958 Fall Term listed the school as Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with HERBERT APTHEKER as its Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case US versus KUZMA, ET AL (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940 had been consciously guided by what he thought was "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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On June 16, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS was acting in an educational capacity in the New York State CP and as an instructor at a CP cadre training school.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, pg. 4 column 1, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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"THE WORKER"

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist weekly newspaper.(1)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
May 23, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. NY 100-129629

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Re: William Albertson
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Internal Security Act, 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas J. Devine, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

(U) New York T-1 through New York T-29 have furnished reliable information in the past. Other informants were in a position to furnish reliable information in the past.

All sources mentioned in the Appendix have furnished reliable information, with the exception of the second mentioned source in Advance, An Organization of Progressive Youth. This source was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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NY 2353-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/27/60 that ALBERTSON, NYD CP Organizational Secretary, was in contact with JOHN ABT, CP Attorney, on that date. ABT informed ALBERTSON that the NY State Court of Appeals had ruled in ALBERTSON's favor in his unemployment insurance case, however, the court had upheld the suspension of the registration of the Party. Concerning the ruling affecting the CP, ABT commented that (U) he would now have to appeal to the Supreme Court.

The case referred to is ALBERTSON's claim for NY State unemployment benefits filed in 1956, when he was Assistant Labor Secretary of the CP, USA.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of 5/27/59 page 5, contains an article concerning this ruling. This article reflects that the court majority agreed with the lower court ruling in favor of ALBERTSON's claim, however, they reversed the ruling that the Industrial Commissioner could not suspend registration of the CP. The court ruled that the Commissioner has the authority to do so in light of Federal law depriving the Party of certain rights and privileges. There was one dissent.

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Albany is requested to obtain copies of this decision and forward same to the Bureau and NYO.

Regarding the registration of the Party this refers to the Party registering as an employer and paying unemployment benefits tax.

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On 6/7/60 [redacted] New York State Court of Appeals, Albany, furnished SA [redacted] two copies of New York State Court of Appeals Decision #409 in the matter of the claim for benefits under Article 18 of the Labor Law made by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, respondent. [redacted] stated that the opinion is unrevised and uncorrected, however, any changes made will be grammatical ones or slight changes in phraseology. b6 b7C

One copy of above opinion is enclosed for Bureau and New York in accordance with instructions in referenced airtel.

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Court of Appeals

No. 409.

In the Matter of the Claim for Benefits Under Article 18 of the Labor Law made by William Albertson,

Respondent,

vs.

Isador Lubin, as Industrial Commissioner,

Appellant,

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(and another proceeding Communist Party, U.S.A. and Communist Party of New York State).

OPINION

UNREVISED AND UNCORRECTED. NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

DESMOND, CH. J.:

Two separate but related questions arise in this consolidated proceeding. We are first to decide whether, on the theory that his employment by the Communist Parties (N. Y. and U. S. A.) was not "covered employment", respondent Albertson is ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. Second, we must determine whether the Industrial Commissioner was legally justified in suspending the registration of the Communist Parties themselves as "employers" within the meaning of the Unemployment Insurance Law.

We agree with the Appellate Division that Albertson is not to be denied an unemployment insurance award solely because part of his base period of employment was with the Communist organizations. Nothing was proven beyond that bare fact. There is no statute or other precedent disqualifying him from coverage. His work with the Communist organizations was not shown to have been criminal, conspiratorial or traitorous. Despite the equivocal status and illegal purposes of his employer, his own contract of hiring (unlike that in Matter of Clarke v. Town of Russia, 283 N. Y. 272) was not so completely illegal as to prohibit unemployment insurance coverage. It would be unreasonably punitive to hold that because the employer who paid unemployment taxes for him was engaged in an anti-American conspiracy, Albertson must lose his insurance. Since the striking of the Parties from the list was as of March 26, 1957, there is no inconsistency in protecting

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the insurance rights of Albertson whose employment ended before that date.

As to the alleged rights of Communist Parties to recognition and listing, however, we disagree with the Appellate Division. The Industrial Commissioner in performing his statutory duty (Labor Law, § 571) of computing and collecting these taxes had necessarily to decide who were "employers" under the act (Matter of Electrolux Corp., 286 N. Y. 390, 397). In so doing, he could not ignore the Federal Communist Control Act (50 U. S. C. 842) which declared that the Communist Party "is not entitled to any of the rights, privileges and immunity attendant upon legal bodies created under the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; and whatever rights, privileges and immunities which have heretofore been granted to said party or any subsidiary organization by reason of the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof are terminated * * *." We take that plain declaration and its absolute language to mean what it says, although we find no decisions construing it in this connection. It necessarily means that the artificial body or entity calling itself the Communist Party is to be deprived of all the "rights, privileges, and immunities" that other such parties have. The Appellate Division dealt with this statutory language by saying that the requirement of paying an unemployment insurance tax is not an "immunity or right" where the employer has been allowed by the State to exist, has in fact been allowed the exercise of other privileges and where no reason is shown why it should not pay this tax. Of course, paying a tax is not really claiming an "immunity" or "right" but with the payment of this particular tax goes a status, and enrollment as an employer. Whatever value that status may have is being sought and claimed by the Communist Parties in this proceeding.

The State officers of New York, reading literally the Federal statute, have deprived the Communist Parties of their former places on the State's official roll of employers. The Federal Government, although charged with the enforcement of its own Communist Control Act, is, we are told, still collecting unemployment insurance taxes from the Communist Parties. What the reason is for this position we do not know and there is not enough in the record to prove any binding Federal administrative construction of the Federal

Act. We know that the Communist Parties are allowed to use the mails, list themselves in the telephone books, hold public meetings and write letters to magazines (see Harper's for May, 1960, communication signed by the Party's "National Educational Secretary"). But we are not here determining whether the reports of the demise of these organizations are exaggerated. The situation in our court is that these Communist Parties are demanding that they be restored to this State's list of employers. They come as unincorporated groups claiming rights or privileges, but all rights of unincorporated associations are created by and dependent upon the State. The Appellate Division recognized in its opinion that the State might by appropriate steps prevent the Communist Parties "from engaging in any activity or existence." We think that the State of New York has done so. The Attorney-General, its highest law officer, argues to us on this appeal that the unemployment insurance officers acted validly in denying further recognition to the Communist Parties.

We accept none of the arguments that this Federal Communist Control Act is unconstitutional. We do not think that it is a bill of attainder or ex post facto legislation. We see no denial of due process in the deprivation of these organizations of their status without a hearing. Section 841 of 50 United States Code contains a congressional finding that the Communist Party is not really a political party but "in fact an instrumentality of a conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States", that it is dedicated "to the proposition that the present constitution of the United States ultimately must be brought to ruin by any available means, including a resort to force and violence", and that as an agency of a hostile foreign power it is "a clear, present and continuing danger to the security of the United States." Similar pronouncements are found in a number of decisions of this court and of the United States Supreme Court (see Dennis v. United States, 341 U. S. 494, 547; Matter of Lerner v. Casey, 2 N Y 2d 355, 372, affd. 357 U. S. 468). These are not mere fiats or rhetorical flourishes but recognitions by courts and Congress of facts that are so well established and known that recognition of them without further proof is a right and duty (see East New York Sav. Bank v. Hahn, 293 N. Y. 622, 627, affd. 326 U. S. 230).

The administrative determination suspended the registration of the Communist Parties as of March 26, 1957, and the State has not accepted any reports or payment of contributions since that date. Since Albertson's employment was earlier than that date there is no difficulty as to him. If there are or will be unemployment insurance problems as to other employees of these Communist Parties, decision on those problems will have to wait until the claims, if any, are presented in the usual way. Many corporations and bodies are considered not to be employers under the Act (see Labor Law, § 560, subd. 4) and, presumably, their employees are aware of it.

The order of the Appellate Division should be modified by reversing so much thereof as sets aside the suspension of the registration of the employers-appellants and the decision of the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board in this connection reinstated, otherwise the Appellate Division order should be affirmed, with costs to claimant-respondent against the Industrial Commissioner.

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In the Matter of, etc., WILLIAM ALBERTSON,
Claimant-Respondent,
ISADOR LUBIN, as Industrial Commissioner,
Appellant.

In the Matter of, etc., COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
and COMMUNIST PARTY OF NEW YORK STATE,
Employers-Respondent,
ISADOR LUBIN, as Industrial Commissioner,
Appellant.

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FULD, J. (dissenting):

This is a curious case, ~~in which~~ a taxpayer, the Communist Party, resists exemption from taxes (unemployment insurance), while the State, through its Industrial Commissioner, insists on thrusting such an exemption upon it, because of the asserted impact of the Federal Communist Control Act of 1954.

The unemployment insurance system, a joint federal-state undertaking, provides benefits for persons involuntarily unemployed to be financed by an excise tax on employers (see U.S. Code, tit. 26, §3301 et seq.; N.Y. Labor Law, art. 18). Having lost his job with the Parkside Delicatessen, following earlier employment with the Communist Party, U.S.A., the respondent Albertson applied for such benefits under this State's Unemployment Insurance Law (Labor Law, art. 18).[1] Although the Party had paid to the State all unemployment insurance contributions required to be paid and had for many years made, and is currently making, tax payments to the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Industrial Commissioner decided that it was not subject to the tax and that, on this account alone, Albertson

1. His employment with the Communist Party has been treated as essential to qualify him for such benefits.

was not entitled to unemployment benefits.

This amazing result is sought to be supported by contentions about the nature of the Communist Party and the constitutional powers of the Federal and State Governments to deal with it. But, under settled and salutary principles of adjudication, courts avoid decision on such large matters - here, not free of difficulty (see Auerbach, The Communist Control Act of 1954, 23 U. of Chi. L. Rev. 173, 183 et seq.; see, also, Remarks of Representative E. Celler, during House debate, 100 Cong. Rec. 14643) - unless they are necessary for a disposition of the issues presented. Here, there is no such necessity; decision of the issues now before us depends solely on the answer to one simple question of statutory construction. Is the Communist Party an "employer" subject to unemployment insurance taxes? If it is, the Appellate Division was correct, and its order reversing the Industrial Commissioner's determination must be affirmed.

The New York Unemployment Insurance Law, having its origin in the Federal Social Security Act of 1935 (U.S. Code, tit. 42, §301 et seq.), defines an "employer", in exceedingly broad terms, as "any person, partnership, firm, association, public or private * * *" (Labor Law, §512). Absent an overriding legislative proscription, it is admitted, the Communist Party is an employer within the meaning of our statute, and is liable to pay taxes under the provisions of section 560. But, says the Industrial Commissioner, since 1954, the Federal Government, by enactment of the Communist Control Act (U.S. Code, tit. 50, §841 et seq.), has prevented the Communist Party from being an employer with the consequence that it is not subject to unemployment insurance taxes and its employees are not entitled to any benefits under our Unemployment Insurance Law.

This contention is unreasonable. In the first place, it is significant that the federal authorities, admittedly aware of the Industrial Commissioner's position, have taken one diametrically opposed and continue to recognize the Communist Party as an employer subject to the Federal Act. And, although determination of the persons who fall within the class of employers subject to the state tax may not be a matter of federal law, there can be no doubt of the desirability, indeed, of the "obvious necessity of harmonizing where possible our state [unemployment insurance] law with the federal acts." (Pioneer Potato Co. v. Div. of Employment Security, 17 N.J. 543, 549, per Brennan, J.) In the second place, the Communist Control Act, relied upon by the Commissioner, may not, in any event, be read to support the determination which he made in this case.

That the Unemployment Insurance Law of New York, as well as of the other states, and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (U.S. Code, tit. 26, §§3301-3308) make up a "coordinated scheme" (Buckstaff Co. v. McKinley, 308 U.S. 358, 364) is obvious from the merest perusal of the statutes concerned (see, esp., U.S. Code, tit. 26, §§3302, 3306; U.S. Code, tit. 42, §503; Labor Law, §§530, 532, 536, 560[1][c]) and has been the subject of judicial observation not only in this court, but in numerous other courts. (See, e.g., Matter of Lazarus [Corsi], 294 N.Y. 613, 618; Buckstaff Co. v. McKinley, 308 U.S. 358, 363-364, supra; Lines v. State of California, 292 F. 2d 201, 203, cert. den. 355 U.S. 857; Scripps Mem. Hosp. v. California Empl. Comm., 24 Cal. 2d 669, 677; Arnold College v. Danaher, 131 Conn. 503, 507; Stromberg Hatchery v. Ia. Emp. Sec. Comm., 239 Iowa 1047, 1051; Pioneer Potato Co. v. Div. of Employment Security, 17 N.J. 543, 547, supra.) Thus, we are told on the highest authority that "it would seem to be a fair presumption that the purpose of Congress was to have the

state law as closely coterminous as possible with its own. To the extent that it was not, the hopes for a coordinated and integrated dual system would not materialize." (Buckstaff Co. v. McKinley, 308 U.S. 358, 364, supra.) Perhaps, the strongest indication that "the administration of the branch of federal security which deals with [unemployment compensation] and the administration of the state laws [dealing with the same subject] constitute a single system" (Arnold College v. Danaher, 131 Conn. 503, 507, supra), is provided by the fact that our Legislature itself prescribed, as one of the conditions of liability for contributions under our law, that an employer is "liable for tax under the provisions of the federal government tax act" (Labor Law, §560[1][c]).[1]

Notwithstanding these overwhelming indications that the state and federal unemployment compensation provisions should be administered, insofar as possible, as one act, the Industrial Commissioner has refused so to consider them. He admits that the federal authorities, despite the statutes on which he relies and despite their awareness of his position, continue to deal with the employer respondents herein as "liable for tax under the provisions of the federal unemployment tax", but he insists that his judgment should not be controlled by their determination. Although he is not under compulsion to do so, the necessity to achieve "a coordinated and integrated dual system" (Buckstaff Co. v. McKinley, 308 N.Y. 358, 364, supra) represents so strong a state and federal legislative policy that the Industrial Commissioner should have concluded that, as long as an employer is treated by the federal authorities as subject to the federal unemployment tax, it is liable for contributions under our Unemployment Insurance Law, unless, of course, our own statute embodies an express

1. This subsection does not appear in the recent recodification of section 560 which became effective January 1, 1960. It seems to have been omitted for technical considerations and without any regard to underlying policy.

provision to the contrary. (See Matter of Lazarus [Corsi], 294 N.Y. 613, 618, supra; see, also, Lines v. State of California, 242 F. 2d 201, 203, supra; Union Oil Ass'n v. Johnson, 2 Cal. 2d 727, 735; Arnold College v. Danaher, 131 Conn. 503, 507, supra; Stromberg Hatchery v. Ia. Emp. Sec. Comm., 239 Iowa 1047, 1051, supra; Pioneer Potato Co. v. Div. of Employment Security, 17 N.J. 543, 547, supra; cf. Matter of Marx v. Bragalini, 6 N.Y. 2d 322, 333; Matter of Weiden, 236 N.Y. 107, 110.) As was said by the Connecticut Supreme Court, "Unless the provisions of the state [unemployment insurance] statute clearly differ from those of the federal act, it must be assumed that the legislature intended that they be interpreted alike, and this is particularly true with reference to those which determine the persons who are obligated to make contributions." (Arnold College v. Danaher, 131 Conn. 503, 507, supra.)

In short, a determination by the federal authorities that, despite the Federal Communist Control Act, the Communist Party is an employer subject to registration and tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (U.S. Code, tit. 26, §3301 et seq.), requires a like decision by the Industrial Commissioner. Even were this not so, however, I would, nevertheless, regard the Commissioner's ruling as unreasonable since it rests on a mistaken reading of the Communist Control Act. Insofar as relevant that statute recites (U.S. Code, tit. 50), in section 842:

> "The Communist Party of the United States * * * [is] not entitled to any of the rights, privileges, and immunities attendant upon legal bodies created under the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; and whatever rights, privileges, and immunities which have heretofore been granted to said party * * * are hereby terminated".

Whatever else this legislation may mean, it may not be taken to affect the "liability [of] any employer * * * for contributions" under our

Unemployment Insurance Law (Labor Law, §560). This, it seems obvious, necessarily follows from the fact that, while the Act cuts off "rights, privileges and immunities", the status of an employer under the Unemployment Insurance Law involves, and is expressly denominated, a "liability" (see, e.g., Labor Law, §§560, 561, 562, 570, 572, 579), the duty to pay an "excise tax." (Matter of Cassaretakis, 289 N.Y. 119, 127, affd. 319 U.S. 306; see, also, Matter of Burke, 267 App. Div. 127, 130.) Certainly, a deprivation of "immunities" may not be read to confer an immunity from taxation and, just as surely, a loss of "rights" and "privileges" can hardly be said to grant a freedom from the obligation to pay a tax. Taxation is an intensely practical business, and the courts do not deal in riddles in interpreting tax statutes.

There are surely better ways of dealing with the problems posed by communism and the Communist Party than by forced and unreal construction of statutes designed to serve entirely different purposes. The plain fact is that our Unemployment Insurance Law was enacted to benefit the "unemployed worker" (Labor Law, §501), not the employer, and it is the latter who is burdened with a tax in order to fulfill the purposes of the statute. The imposition of such a burden upon the Communist Party as employer cannot possibly be deemed the sort of "right" or "privilege" denied to the Party by the Communist Control Act. If Congress had been intent upon depriving the Communist Party of its ability to enter into contracts or hire employees, it could easily and unmistakably have so provided. And, if our Legislature desired to prevent employees of the Communist Party from receiving unemployment insurance benefits, it could, I assume, have done so, but, in the absence of such legislation, the Industrial Commissioner may not bring about this result simply by coining a new legal concept, a privilege new to our law, "the privilege to pay taxes".

This disposes of the proceeding brought by the respondent employer; the Communist Party is subject to registration and taxation as

an employer under the Unemployment Insurance Law. And, that being so, it follows that the Appellate Division was also correct in holding, in the proceeding instituted by the respondent Albertson, that he had met all qualifications under the law and was entitled to unemployment benefits.

I would affirm the order appealed from in all respects.

VAN VOORHIS, J. (concurring in part):

If the Communist Party in the United States is "the agency of a foreign power" and "an instrumentality of a conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States" as the Congress of the United States has determined (50 U. S. Code, § 841), on account of which it has been "outlawed" and declared not to be "entitled to any of the rights, privileges and immunities attendant upon legal bodies created under the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof" (id. § 842), then it cannot be recognized as a legitimate employer or its servants as legitimate employees. It has no living legal tissue. It enjoys neither the identity nor the rights, privileges or immunities of a legal organization. Unless these findings by the Congress are idle words, it lacks the power to make contracts and cannot enter into the relationship of employer and employee. No agency of a foreign power or its subsidiary organizations can have a legal status as part of "an authoritarian dictatorship within a republic," as the Communist Control Act says, certainly where its reason for existence is that which is above stated. Taxation does not make it legal (U. S. v. Yuginovich, 256 U. S. 450, 462; U. S. v. Stafoff, 260 U. S. 477, 480; U. S. v. One Ford Coupe, 272 U. S. 321, 326).

These conclusions are in accord with the majority opinion in so far as it upholds the suspension of the registration of the Communist Party — State and National — but not in regard to the allowance of unemployment insurance to Albertson. In our view the order of the Appellate Division should be reversed in its entirety and the determination of the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board reinstated.

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Order of the Appellate Division modified in accordance with the opinion herein and, as so modified, affirmed, with costs to claimant-respondent against the Industrial Commissioner. Opinion by Desmond, Ch. J. All concur except Fuld, J., who dissents in part and votes to affirm the order appealed from in all respects in an opinion in which Froessel, J., concurs and except Van Voorhis, J., who concurs in part but votes to reverse the order appealed from and to reinstate the determination of the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board in an opinion in which Burke, J., concurs. Foster, J., taking no part.

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Synopsis:

ALBERTSON is the Organizational Secretary, New York District CP, was a delegate at the National Committee CP, USA, meeting in Chicago, Ill., held during 3/60; attended meetings of the National Executive Committee CP, USA, as an invited guest on 3/13-15/60. Information received that ALBERTSON: called for an increased membership in the NYDCP during 11/28/59 session of the NY State CP Convention; reported on a CP fund drive and membership during the 4/10/60 session of the NYDCP Committee; presented a slate of nominees for the NYDCP Youth Commission during a NYDCP Board Meeting 4/14/60; attended the 4/6/60 meeting of the Industrial Council, Industrial CP Division and meetings connected with the CP Food and Bakers Region 4/26, 5/8, 31 and 6/10/60. On 4/14/60, ALBERTSON proposed that he be Chairman of the CP New York Youth Commission. Information received that ALBERTSON taught a course during 3/60, and another course during April, May, 1960, at the FSS. Information received that during a class on 4/19/60, ALBERTSON stated he was a Communist.

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ALBERTSON attended Bronx County CP Financial Directors meeting, 6/2/60, and instructed a CP leadership class in Brooklyn, 6/22/60. Information received that ALBERTSON favors some reorganization of the NYDCP organization and would in this reorganization, like to be considered for the position of Labor Secretary.

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DETAILS

PART I

A. BACKGROUND

Residence

Mr. JOSEPH MONTALVO, Superintendent, 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York, advised SA THOMAS J. DEVINE on August 3, 1960, that ALBERTSON and his family reside in Apartment 12A at that address.

Employment

NY T-1, on June 27, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON was then the Organizational Secretary of the New York District Communist Party (NYDCP).

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) during the period of March 30, 1960, to June 30, 1960, observed ALBERTSON visiting Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on almost a day to day basis.

B. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The New York District Communist Party (NYDCP) is commonly referred to as the New York State Communist Party (NYSCP).

Attendance at National CP Meetings

NY T-2, on March 25, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the March 25, 1960 meeting of the National Committee (NC) CP, USA, in Chicago, as a delegate.

NY T-3, on March 28, 1960, advised that during the NC meeting of March 27, 1960, in Chicago, ALBERTSON replied to a New York member who had expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the new National Executive Committee (NEC) CP, USA, had been elected during the NC meeting. ALBERTSON pointed out that he did not believe the New York membership would be too disturbed about the election and composition of the new NEC. ALBERTSON pointed out that members of the NC, once a decision is reached, must carry it back to the party members in a positive manner. ALBERTSON said it was necessary for the NC members to return to their districts and to rally support for the leadership.

NY T-1, on April 21, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON was present during part of a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat, as an invited guest, on April 20, 1960, in New York, New York. The informant related that the agenda for the meeting included a report on the NYDCP and the proposed agenda for a NEC CP, USA meeting.

NY T-1, on May 13, and May 15, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended all sessions of a 3 day meeting of the NEC CP, USA, as an invited guest, on May 13-15, 1960, in New York, New York.

State CP Contacts and Activity

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NY T-4, on March 4, 1960, advised that during the November 28, 1959 meeting of the NYSCP Convention held in New York, New York, ALBERTSON called for an increased membership in the NYDCP and an increased number of subscriptions for "The Worker" by the time of the next Convention. According to the informant, ALBERTSON said the CP is now active in many different mass struggles and has re-established relations with labor.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

State CP Committee

NY T-5, on April 11, 1960, advised the NYSCP Committee meeting was held on April 8-10, 1960, in New York, New York, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant related that during the April 10, 1960 meeting, ALBERTSON reported on a fund drive for "The Worker" and also gave a membership report. The informant reported that ALBERTSON said the CP has secured some new members during a recent membership drive.

NY T-6, on April 29, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the 3 day session of the NYSCP Committee held on April 8-10, 1960. The informant reported that the 1960 elections and the civil rights struggles were the main subjects during these sessions.

NY T-7, on May 5, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the April 10, 1960 session of the NYDCP Committee in New York, New York. The informant reported that ALBERTSON advised the members that NC CP, USA members from New York would visit various CP club meetings to discuss the results of the NC CP, USA meeting held in Chicago, during March, 1960. The informant said that

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ALBERTSON also spoke on youth matters and a united front drive. ALBERTSON also asked approval of 2 persons for positions of finance and press directors in the NYDCP.

NY T-8, on April 26, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the April 8-9, 1960 sessions of the NYDCP Committee meeting held in New York, New York.

NY T-9, on April 12, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the April 8, 1960 session of the NYDCP Committee meeting.

New York District Board

NY T-8, on April 26, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the meeting of the NYDCP Board held April 14, 1960, in New York, New York. The informant reported that the meeting centered around a discussion of the NYDCP Youth Commission and that a slate of nominees for that Commission was presented by ALBERTSON. The informant said that following a discussion it was decided that the slate should be turned down and that further discussion on the matter was necessary.

NY T-10, on April 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Board on April 14, 1960, in New York, New York. According to the informant, the meeting was devoted to a discussion on a proposed Youth Commission.

NY T-8, on May 13, and 24, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Board on May 12, 1960.

Industrial CP Meetings

NY T-11, on April 8, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the April 6, 1960 meeting of the Industrial Council, Industrial CP Division in New York, New York.

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NY T-12, on May 3, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON was a guest at a meeting of a club of the Food and Bakers Region, Industrial CP Division, on April 26, 1960. The informant reported that ALBERTSON said that members should be encouraged to bring people who are close to the CP to club meetings in a plan calculated to recruit new CP members.

NY T-12, on May 11, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended on May 8, 1960, a club meeting of the Food and Bakers Region in New York, New York. The informant reported that ALBERTSON delivered a talk on the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) stating the CP is placing much importance on this Council.

> The NALC was formally founded during the early part of 1960, in Detroit, Michigan, and is under the leadership of A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. The Constitution of this organization contains an anti-CP membership clause, and the organization is dedicated to equal employment rights regardless of race, creed or color.

NY T-12, on May 23, 1960, advised that a meeting of a CP club of the Food and Bakers Region, Industrial CP Division, was scheduled to be held on May 21, 1960, but was postponed since only a few members appeared for the scheduled meeting. The informant reported that ALBERTSON appeared for the scheduled meeting.

NY T-12, on May 31, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Region Council of the Food and Bakers Region, New York Industrial CP Division, that date, in New York, New York. The informant reported the meeting was very informal because of limited attendance.

NY T-12, on June 16, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a brief meeting of the Food and Bakers Region Council on June 10, 1960 in New York, New York, and that ALBERTSON discussed a CP fund drive.

Youth Meetings

NY T-10, on April 6, 1960 advised that certain leaders of Advance met at ALBERTSON's residence on April 4, 1960. The informant reported that ALBERTSON opened the meeting by delivering an ultimatum to a person declaring that this person either go along with the drafted Declaration of Principles for Advance or be expelled from the CP.

A characterization of Advance is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

NY T-13, on May 10, 1960, advised that a group of young people most of whom were connected with Advance, met in New York, New York, on May 6, 1960. The informant reported that ALBERTSON, as a guest speaker, talked on the origin of Socialism, its history and how it came to this country and why it has failed in the United States. The informant said that after ALBERTSON's speech a discussion ensued.

NY T-14, on May 19, 1960, advised that a bulletin of events issued by the Bronx Division of Advance set out that on May 20, 1960, at 7:30 p.m. ALBERTSON would be the speaker for Manhattan Advance Educational on Trotskyism at 201 2nd Avenue, New York, New York.

NY T-13, on June 1, 1960, advised that Advance sponsored a meeting at 201 2nd Avenue, New York, New York, on May 20, 1960, and that ALBERTSON, as the main speaker, spoke on Socialism and Trotskyites. According to the informant, ALBERTSON commented as follows:

"Trotskyites are not true Marxists and they interpret Marxism to suit their own purposes; they infiltrate the Communist movement and cause dissension. The FBI infiltrates the Communist movement by placing agents with various assignments into the CP. Some of

these agents are assigned to find out names and addresses, others work their way up in the party for purposes of intelligence or disruption.

NY T-15, on June 10, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Manhattan CP Youth Club on June 5, 1960, which discussed the possible censure of one of its members. The informant said that ALBERTSON spoke briefly at this meeting and called for unity within the Youth Club.

Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

A characterization of the FSS is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

NY T-16, on March 16, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class entitled "Parliamentary Procedure" at the FSS on March 15, 1960. According to the informant, ALBERTSON discussed how to make a point of order and how to make a motion.

NY T-16, on March 23, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught this same class again on March 22, 1960, and that he stressed how to guard against tactics used by reactionaries and how to use delaying tactics.

NY T-17, on April 4, 1960, furnished the spring term catalogue of the FSS for 1960. This catalogue set out that ALBERTSON was scheduled to teach Parliamentary Procedure on Tuesdays from April 19, to May 24, 1960.

NY T-17, on April 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught the first class of a course at the FSS on April 19, 1960. The informant related that during the class ALBERTSON stated that he was a Communist.

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NY T-18, on April 28, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON, in conducting a class at the FSS on April 26, 1960, talked about Communism since the year 1917, and various other topics. According to the informant, ALBERTSON asked the class to imagine that the Communist ticket had made a clean sweep and were elected into control of the government in 1960. Having said that something then would have to be done to the Pentagon and the FBI, ALBERTSON stated this would be done through a proletariat dictatorship. ALBERTSON also stated the CP lost ground due to the denunciation of JOSEPH STALIN and the Hungarian Revolt. However, ALBERTSON said "regardless of whether it was the right thing to do or not to do, the Russians did the right thing as had they not moved into Hungary during the revolt, the Hungarian nation would have fallen into the web of a dictatorship."

NY T-16, on April 29, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class at the FSS on April 26, 1960, entitled "Development of US Socialism". The informant stated that this was the second session of this class and that ALBERTSON explained the history of various social parties in the United States.

NY T-18, on May 5, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class at the FSS on May 3, 1960, and stressed Socialism as an economic structure.

NY T-16, on May 6, 1960, also advised that ALBERTSON taught a class at the FSS on May 3, 1960.

NY T-18, on May 12, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class at the FSS on May 10, 1960, and that it was attended by 6 students.

NY T-16, on May 11, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class entitled "Development of US Socialism" at the FSS on May 10, 1960. According to the informant, ALBERTSON discussed the various socialist parties which have emerged in this country and stated that they were only causing confusion.

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NY T-16, on May 18, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class at the FSS on May 17, 1960, entitled "Development of US Socialism".

NY T-18, on May 25, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class at the FSS on May 17, 1960. The informant reported that ALBERTSON spoke on the American Capitalist System terming it a "dog eat dog" existence. ALBERTSON emphasized the need for total disarmament and said that if that goal could be obtained Socialism would take form almost immediately on an international scale.

NY T-18, on June 8, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a class at the FSS on May 24, 1960. During the class, according to the informant, ALBERTSON said the recent Summit Conference attempt may still do some good if the Socialists could hold out only a few years without war. He cited the great potential growth of Socialist countries in comparison to the United States. ALBERTSON said the United States was committed to send troops to Viet Nam but the people in this country objected so strenuously that the United States had to break their agreement with the French and British; that General MC ARTHUR was pulled out of the Korean War because he knew he could not succeed unless atomic bombs were used and the British objected to their use.

NY T-16, on May 27, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON on May 24, 1960, taught a class entitled "Development of US Socialism" at the FSS. According to the informant, ALBERTSON discussed the results of the 17th National CP Convention.

"The Worker" Reader Conference

NY T-4, on April 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON acted as Chairman during part of a meeting of "The Worker" Reader Conference held in New York, New York, on April 2, 1960. The informant stated the need was called to work out

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ways and means of improving the content of "The Worker".

NY T-8, on April 7, 1960, and NY T-19, on April 11, 1960, also advised that ALBERTSON attended the above conference on April 2, 1960.

Miscellaneous

NY T-20, on May 3, 1960, reported that ALBERTSON attended the May Day Celebration held at Union Square, New York, New York, on May 2, 1960, under the auspices of the 1960 Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day.

A characterization of the 1960 Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

NY T-6, on May 16, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYDCP Organizational Commission meeting in New York, New York, on May 13, 1960. The informant related that a discussion was held concerning areas in which peace work could be managed and a pamphlet on peace could be distributed.

NY T-19, on May 25, 1960, advised that GUS HALL addressed a gathering at the Central Plaza Annex, New York, New York, on May 25, 1960, on the subject "The Summit-And Now What." The informant reported that ALBERTSON attended this gathering at which HALL criticized the United States for the failure of the recent Paris Summit Conference.

"The Worker", issue of May 1, 1960, page 2, identified GUS HALL as the General Secretary of the CP, USA.

NY T-21, on June 6, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Bronx County CP Financial Directors on June 2, 1960. The informant reported that the participants discussed methods of raising money.

NY T-8, on June 8, 1960, advised that a meeting of CP members, who also were members of the NALC, was held on June 6, 1960, in New York, New York, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant reported that the meeting was devoted largely to a discussion on an anti-CP clause in the Constitution of the NALC.

NY T-22, on June 12, 1960, advised that on June 10, 1960, a CP meeting on the elections was held at 40 East 7th Street, New York, New York. The informant reported that during the meeting ALBERTSON made an announcement regarding demonstrations to be held in the future.

NY T-23, on June 17, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a CP meeting on the elections on June 10, 1960, in New York, New York. The informant reported that ALBERTSON opened the meeting and asked for nominations for a Chairman. The informant also reported that ALBERTSON made a collection speech to pay for expenses.

NY T-20, on June 23, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON instructed a CP leadership class on June 22, 1960, in Brooklyn, New York. The informant reported that this was the last class in a series of classes and that it consisted mostly of students making reports on various problems prevalent in their respective neighborhoods.

NY T-1, on June 27, 1960, advised that a document had been drawn up dealing with the reorganization of the CP, USA. In regard to the NYDCP the informant reported the plan is to abolish county CP set ups and remove ALBERTSON as the Organizational Secretary and place him in charge of trade union work in the New York District. The informant reported that this plan had not been implemented at that time. (U)

NY T-1, on May 20, 1960, advised that from conversations with various CP members between the period of May 12-18, 1960, it appears that consideration is being given to the removal of several leaders in the NYDCP

including ALBERTSON. According to the informant, this may be a possibility since many CP members consider that the General Secretary of the CP, USA, in trying to get unity and agreement in the NYDCP, would remove people from positions of leadership regardless of whether they support a left wing or a right wing point of view. (U)

PART II

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Employment

NY T-24, on March 4, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON was scheduled to receive from the NYSCP a gross salary of $92.00 for the week ending March 4, 1960.

NY T-24 advised on April 18, 1960, that ALBERTSON was scheduled to receive a gross pay from the NYSCP of $90.00 for the week ending April 15, 1960.

NATIONAL CP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

NY T-25, on June 15, 1960, advised that on that date a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests was held in New York, New York, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated that the main topic of discussion was a proposed reorganization of the CP, USA.

NY T-25, on June 8, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests that date in New York, New York, and that part of the meeting was concerned with youth work.

NY T-25, on May 6, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON participated in a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests held that date in New York, New York. According to the informant, part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion on the opportunities and possibilities which exist in the area of "agitation" for the CP. ALBERTSON suggested that the CP issue a handbook or guide for its clubs instructing them as to the method of handling the agitation and propaganda in local communities and also to explain to the clubs what is meant by agitation and propaganda. ALBERTSON also suggested that the CP profit by the example of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) in the field of publishing pamphlets.

NY T-25, on April 20, 1960, advised that a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests was held that date with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant reported that ALBERTSON urged the CP to find out what can be done within the labor movement in regard to peace issues and to stimulate discussion with 2 or 3 peace organizations for some kind of joint action.

NYDCP Board Meetings

NY T-26, on May 26, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYDCP Board meeting that date and gave a short report on the New York District Staff activities in recent weeks before that date.

NY T-26, on June 9, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a New York District Board meeting that date and delivered a report on the currentinational political campaign and that a discussion followed his report.

NY T-26, on April 14, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON gave a report on youth work during a meeting of the NYDCP Board that date in New York, New York. According to the informant, ALBERTSON gave a brief resume of the events which transpired during the founding convention of Advance and then added that Advance was then 2 months old and that there has been no substantial growth in the membership of that organization. The informant also advised that ALBERTSON announced a new CP Youth Commission which had been approved by the NYDCP Staff and said that he would act as Chairman of this Youth Commission. After discussion on the Youth Commission, the informant reported that a vote was taken to accept the Youth Commission as proposed by ALBERTSON and that the proposed Youth Commission was rejected.

NY T-26, on May 12, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a New York District Board meeting that date which discussed peace issues, reorganization and CP Staff activities.

New York District Staff Meetings

NY T-26, on March 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON, during a NYDCP Staff meeting that date, talked about a scheduled conference on "The Worker" noting that little enthusiasm had been shown up to that date and that he is directing letters to pertinent individuals urging greater cooperation in the matter between the members of the CP State Committee and the members of the CP County Staffs.

NY T-26, on April 1, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York District Staff in New York, New York, that date, and that the meeting was concerned with political activities and civil rights.

NY T-26, on April 5, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON participated in a New York District Staff meeting that date. The informant reported that a report was given on the efforts by a County CP organization to elect a person to a political office. According to the informant, ALBERTSON urged the CP to convince whatever friends it has to assist in the election and cautioned that signatures must be obtained in such a way as to be able to stand a challange in court should the need arise.

NY T-26, on April 7, 1960, advised that during a NYDCP Staff meeting that date, ALBERTSON stated that a questionnaire had been sent to all CP clubs requesting certain information regarding the composition of their clubs. ALBERTSON requested that these be completed quickly and sent to the NYDCP office for appraisal before being sent to the National CP Office.

NY T-26, on April 8, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Staff held in New York, New York, that date. The informant advised that the meeting was devoted to a discussion on political activities.

NY T-26, on April 11, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Staff that date and read a list of names which were being suggested for the NYDCP Organization Commission. According to the informant, ALBERTSON was suggested for a position on this Commission.

NY T-26, on April 21, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON participated in a meeting of the NYDCP Staff that date, and gave a short talk on a fund drive for "The Worker".

NY T-26, on April 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Staff that date, which was devoted to a discussion on a program for the annual observance and celebration of May Day.

NY T-27, on April 26, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Staff that date, and that part of the meeting was devoted to a report on finances for the May Day Celebration. It was stated that the CP would have to provide sufficient money for this celebration and it was suggested that ARNOLD JOHNSON and ALBERTSON form a subcommittee to handle the financial problems.

"The Worker", issue of June 19, 1960, page 10, identified ARNOLD JOHNSON as the Vice Chairman of the NYSCP.

NY T-26, on May 5, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYDCP Staff meeting that date in New York, New York, and that the main discussion was on integration of schools.

NY T-26, on May 10, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON participated in a NYDCP Staff meeting that date, and argued for collective action among the leadership of the NYDCP. According to the informant, ALBERTSON pointed out that failure of the leaders to discuss their plans and scheduled meetings often produces a disruptive effect.

NY T-26, on May 16, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYDCP Staff meeting that date in New York, New York, and discussed plans for the 1960 elections. ALBERTSON pointed out that in regard to CP candidates, the CP must look at a particular voting district to determine the strength of the left forces in this district. ALBERTSON also advocated that the CP print thousands of leaflets for Puerto Ricans telling them that to vote they have to register and then explain the procedure of registering to them. ALBERTSON said the leaflets then could say that this was a public service of the CP.

NY T-26, on May 24, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYDCP Staff meeting that date, which discussed the FSS operations.

NY T-26, on June 2, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Staff that date, and that it discussed the recent founding convention of the NALC.

NY T-26, on June 7, 1960, advised ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYDCP Staff that date, and that discussions were held on peace issues and a scheduled Fascist demonstration in Union Square, for July 4, 1960.

NY T-26, on June 9, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended the NYDCP Staff meeting that date, and discussed the 1960 elections. According to the informant, ALBERTSON said he was in favor of Communist candidates but that there should be an immediate discussion setting out the CP line.

NY T-26, on June 14, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYDCP Staff meeting that date, which discussed the reorganization of the NYDCP. The informant reported that ALBERTSON said he was in agreement with the viewpoints of GUS HALL with the exception of the breaking up of the

Industrial CP. ALBERTSON suggested the NYDCP be broken into 3 regions with 3 field organizers. According to the informant, it was decided that further discussions would be held on reorganization.

NYDCP Organization Commission Meetings

NY T-26, on April 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the above district that date in New York, New York. The informant reported that ALBERTSON, as a member of the Commission, stressed the need for such a Commission and said that its most important function would be to guide the work of the CP in relation to mass movements and mass struggles. ALBERTSON said the Organization Commission must be the nerve center of the CP organization and that it would be charged with working out plans to assure proper execution of the CP policy decisions.

NY T-26, on May 13, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON participated in a meeting of the Organization Commission that date and discussed dues, payments and the registration of the membership of the CP. ALBERTSON stated that between that date and June 30, 1960, every effort must be made to have all party members pay up their dues to June 30, 1960. The informant related that ALBERTSON also spoke on the elections and peace issues.

NYDCP Committee Meeting

NY T-28, on April 10, 1960, advised that during a meeting of the above committee that date, in New York, New York, ALBERTSON spoke on CP recruiting and building. According to the informant, ALBERTSON urged all present to become involved in mass movements and make suggestions through their contacts to advance the CP.

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NY T-29, on April 14, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON participated in a discussion at CP Headquarters that date. The informant reported that the discussion centered around the reorganization of the NYDCP. According to the informant, ALBERTSON made the following suggestions: take all the cultural and professional CP members from every county and set them up as a separate institution; reunite Nassau and Queens County CP Organizations with a full time organizer and reunite Westchester and the Bronx. Regarding the Industrial CP Division, ALBERTSON said that a Labor Secretary was needed and that he was then putting his application in for that position.

NY T-27, on June 3, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting that date in New York, New York, with several national CP leaders. The informant reported that the gathering was devoted to a discussion on organizational problems within the CP, USA.

NY T-30, on April 20, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON met that date with CLARENCE HATHAWAY and BETTY GANNETT to discuss problems in the CP youth field. According to the informant, ALBERTSON mentioned that he would call a meeting of 3 persons who are CP leaders in Advance and inform them there is no Youth Commission, no apparatus, but that he wanted to discuss with them the following points:

1. How to deal with Trotskyites in Advance.
2. What is going on in the sit-down movement.
3. How can Advance be involved in that movement.

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According to the informant, HATHAWAY stated he had raised with the National CP Secretariat, the meeting of the NYDCP Board in which ALBERTSON's recommendations for a Youth Commission were rejected. According to the informant, HATHAWAY stated that in the future GUS HALL would participate in meetings of the NYSCP Board and lend his weight to the prevention of a recurrence of such a situation.

"The Worker", issue of June 19, 1960, page 12, identified CLARENCE HATHAWAY as the NYSCP Chairman.

NY T-8 advised on June 28, 1960, that BETTY GANNETT was then the Educational Director of the NYSCP.

NY T-29, on April 28, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON and BETTY GANNETT, on that date, discussed the possible reorganization of the NYDCP. ALBERTSON stated that he and CLARENCE HATHAWAY favored a rapid reorganization but that GUS HALL believed it should be a slow process. ALBERTSON stated he was supposed to draw up plans for the reorganization.

NY T-31, on April 28, 1960, advised that several CP leaders met that date in New York, New York, and discussed finances for the CP. During the meeting, according to the informant, ALBERTSON commented on the difficulty of obtaining money for the NYDCP and at the same time providing money for the CP, USA. ALBERTSON said he was ready to bring in a reorganization plan for New York, and that the CP would have all county funds turned over to the State CP.

NY T-26 advised on March 15, 1960, that ALBERTSON stated on that date that he had recently talked to a person who has agreed to take a position of NYSCP Press Director.

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NY T-32, on February 5, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON acted as Chairman of a meeting held that date at 74 5th Avenue, New York, New York. The informant reported that the meeting was attended by 5 persons and was devoted to an interrogation of one of the persons who was asked to justify some of his actions in the past. The informant advised that ALBERTSON told this person who was being interrogated that he was not on trial but that it was a very necessary investigation since the CP is concerned with the security of its members.

On March 29, 1960, NY T-33 advised that ALBERTSON, that date, was discussing the National CP Committee meeting held in Chicago, during March, 1960. ALBERTSON, according to the informant, stated that BEN DAVIS' report on the South and relating subjects was disturbing because the entire Negro cadre talk as though "this" is becoming the issue of the working class while the working class is being forgotten. ALBERTSON continued that there is a sort of moving in a direction that the working class is not the class that is going to lead to the ultimate goal.

"The Worker", issue of May 1, 1960, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. as the National Secretary of the CP, USA.

NY T-29, on March 31, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON, that date, informed a new Press Director of the NYDCP of the importance of his duties and responsibilities.

NY T-31, on March 31, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON and CLARENCE HATHAWAY, that date, discussed various commissions he felt should be organized and the possible composition of those commissions.

NY T-31, on April 25, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON, after asking a person to rejoin the CP, invited him to attend a meeting of a CP club in the Food and Bakers Region to hear a report by a CP member on the National CP Committee meeting held in Chicago, March, 1960.

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth

A confidential source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance was organized at a Founding Convention held in New York City on February 13 - 14, 1960.

Another confidential source advised on March 2, 1960, that the Declaration of Principles, adopted at the Founding Convention of Advance, included the following pertinent points: a stand for peace and total disarmament; equal rights; anti-discrimination; struggles against forces of opposition to the Bill of Rights; an organized approach to Marxist theory; inform prospective applicants of the group's Declaration of Principles. This source stated that the Declaration of Principles was believed by the CP, USA Secretariat to be essentially the line of the National CP leadership.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated February 28, 1960, carried an article on page 14, entitled "New York City Marxist Youth Group Formed." This article lists four of the top officers of Advance, including JAKE ROSEN, MARVIN MARKMAN as Vice-Presidents, and MIKE STEIN as Educational Director.

Another confidential source advised on September 23, 1959, that at a meeting of Communist youth held September 20, 1959, JAKE ROSEN and MARVIN MARKMAN were announced as members of the New York State CP Youth Commission in charge of student activities and Youth Commission Co-ordinator, respectively. This confidential source advised on December 29, 1959, that MIKE STEIN was elected Educational Director of the Manhattan CP Youth Club on December 11, 1959.

The first confidential source advised on March 8, 1960, that Advance maintains a headquarters in Room 636, at 799 Broadway, New York City, and is currently engaged in the formation of clubs in all boroughs of New York City.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the Communist Party (CP) in New York State would set up a Marxist institute to teach a US version of Marxism. The "Daily Worker" dated April 5, 1956, page four, column one, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

On August 14, 1958, another source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

The schedule of classes for the 1960 spring term listed the school as Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with HERBERT APTHEKER as its director. HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case of US versus KUZMA, Et Al (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, that he was at that time a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On June 2, 1960, another source advised that the Faculty of Social Science was closing down permanently.

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1960 LABOR AND PEOPLES COMMITTEE
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On January 13, 1960, a source advised that an Executive Board meeting of the Industrial Division, Communist Party, USA (CP), New York District, was held on January 13, 1960, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The future work of the Board was discussed which included plans for May Day.

On February 15, 1960, a second source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was organizing a May Day meeting to be held on February 18, 1960, at Adelphi Hall under the "Painters Rank and File".

LOUIS WEINSTOCK is General Manager of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly publication.

On March 14, 1960, a third source furnished an undated one-page mimeographed letter bearing the name 1960 Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day, 130 East 16th Street, (New York City). The letter announced a conference on March 19, 1960, at Adelphi Hall to organize a May Day celebration involving both trade unionists and community leaders. The letter states that "May Day this year, when the Movement for the Negro people is at a new high, when increasing numbers seek peace and a ban on nuclear weapons, when labor is pressing for increased wages, affords a real opportunity for demonstrating for peace and democracy."

On April 4, 1960, a fourth source advised that the above conference on March 19, 1960, elected MAX ROSEN as Chairman of the Committee and that the May Day demonstration would be held on May 2, 1960, in Union Square, New York City, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Also, according to the source, LOUIS WEINSTOCK stated he could not be "too active" on the May Day Committee because of "his assignment" as manager of "The Worker".

On March 15, 1960, a fifth source advised that MAX ROSEN was the new Organizer of the Painters Section of the Building Trades Region, Industrial Division, CP, USA, New York District.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

New York T-24 through New York T-33 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

All sources mentioned in the Appendix have furnished reliable information, with the exception of the second mentioned source in Advance, An Organization of Progressive Youth, and the first, second, third and fifth mentioned sources in the 1960 Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day. These sources were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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TO : Mr. J. F. Bland

DATE: August 17, 1960

FROM : Mr. T. D. Rushing

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

The memorandum showing departmental approval dated August 5, 1960, is located in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 2707.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 6/28/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReNYreport, 5/23/60, and 0-17 dated 6/22/60.

Dates "2/26" and "3/11", in synopsis, sixth line from the bottom, should be corrected to read "2/10" and "3/2".

Enclosed herewith are four copies of page one of referenced report which have been amended to show the correct dates set out in referenced 0-17.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) DATE: 10/31/60
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

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On 10/27/60, at the intersection of 111th Street and Broadway, NYC, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was approached by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] for the purpose of conducting an interview under outstanding instructions relating to the Toplev Program.

When approached, ALBERTSON acknowledged his identity whereupon the Agents introduced themselves.

ALBERTSON, without waiting for the Agents to speak further, stated, "So long," and proceeded to ignore the Agents and enter his car.

Further efforts made to engage ALBERTSON in conversation, were rebuffed by his silence.

The interview was terminated since it was obvious that ALBERTSON had no desire to cooperate with the Bureau. No further approaches are being considered at the present time. The results of this interview will be contained in the next annual report.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA THOMAS J. DEVINE, dated 8/22/60, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Part I of this report contains admissible evidence, Part II inadmissible evidence and Part III contains background information.

The sources used to characterize SCOPE in the order mentioned are:

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Studies, similar to the one used in this report, will be submitted for Bureau approval. However, the characterization was used in this report because it was needed prior to the time necessary for Bureau approval.

Special Agents who observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters were: [redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON. These observations are contained in 100-4931-Sub0. b6 b7C

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Sorce	File No. were located
NY T-1 [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-2 CG 5824-S*	100-129629-5238 -5240 -5329

used to characterize HERBERT APTHEKER

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NY T-21 NY 2520-S*	

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3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~confidential~~ because (state reason) it contains information from NY T-1 through NY T-15 the disclosure of which might impair the effectiveness of these informants. In addition, the report contains information from NY T-16 through NY T-21. The disclosure of these confidential investigative techniques could impair the investigation of the CP, USA. Such impairment could have an adverse affect on the national defense interest of the country.
8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 10/27/60
   [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he is Organizational Secretary of the NYD, CP, as set out in instant report.

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Report of: THOMAS J. DEVINE
Office: NEW YORK
Date: 22 NOV 1960

Field Office File No.: NY 100-129629
Bureau File No.: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis:

ALBERTSON is Organizational Secretary, New York District, CP. Information received that ALBERTSON: attended a three day enlarged NEC, CP, USA, meeting 8/6-8/60; Eastern Seaboard meeting of NC members, 9/10/60; election conference of NYS, CP, 7/28/60, and Erie County CP Political conference, 7/29/60. Informants advised ALBERTSON was active in Kings County CP political work during August, 1960. Information received that ALBERTSON: may be removed from State CP position in leadership struggle; participated as instructor in CP leadership training school, 9/9/60 and listed as instructor for SCOPE, fall term class. Information received that ALBERTSON: attended meeting of CP, USA, Secretariat, and invited guests, 9/14-15/60; termed "factional through and through" by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. ALBERTSON participated in regular New York State CP staff and board meetings during months of June - August, 1960. ALBERTSON refused to converse with Special Agents, FBI, 10/27/60.

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DETAILS:

PART I

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF 11-28-60

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The New York District CP (NYD CP) is commonly referred to as the New York State CP (NYS CP).

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Position

NY T-1 advised on August 30, 1960, that ALBERTSON was then the Organizational Secretary of the NYD CP.

Attendance at National CP Meetings

NY T-2 advised on August 6 - 8, 1960, that ALBERTSON attended a three day meeting of the enlarged National Executive Committee (NEC) of the CP, USA, which was held in New York, New York, on those dates. The informant advised that the meetings covered a wide range of questions including the Russian-Chinese relationship, reorganization problems, peace and youth work in the CP. (C) (U) See 134-4011. Portions classified as (B)(3)(b)

NY T-3 on August 10, 1960, also advised that ALBERTSON attended the enlarged NEC meeting which was held in New York on August 6-8, 1960.

NY T-3 on September 14, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON was in attendance at an Eastern Seaboard meeting of National Committee members of the CP, USA, which was held in New York, New York, on September 10, 1960. The informant said the major portion of the time was given to reports and discussions on the ideological differences between the Russian and Chinese Communist Parties.

New York State CP Election Conference

NY T-4 on August 4, 1960, advised that an election conference sponsored by the NYS CP was held in New York, New York,

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on July 28, 1960, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant said the main report was devoted to the establishment of the CP line for the 1960 presidential elections.

NY T-5 through NY T-7 advised on August 29, 1960, July 30, 1960 and August 1, 1960, respectively, that ALBERTSON attended the election conference of July 28, 1960, referred to in the above paragraph.

Kings County CP Activity

NY T-8 on September 9, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended an enlarged meeting of the Brownsville Section Committee of the Kings County CP (KCCP) on September 6, 1960. The informant said a report was given on efforts to place an independent political candidate on the ballot in Kings County.

NY T-8 on September 2, 1960, advised that a meeting of the Section Staff of the Brownsville Section, KCCP, together with the Political Activities Steering Committee of the KCCP, was held in New York, New York, on August 29, 1960. The informant stated ALBERTSON discussed ways of getting more people involved in political activity in the Brownsville Section.

NY T-8 on August 26, 1960, advised a meeting of the KCCP staff was held on August 24, 1960, in New York, New York. The informant stated the meeting was concerned with the Brownsville political campaign of supporting an independent political candidate. According to the informant, ALBERTSON was considering using all of the CP people in Brooklyn as workers in the campaign in order to insure enough petition signatures to place the candidate on the ballot.

NY T-8 on August 19, 1960, advised that on August 17, 1960, a meeting of the Steering Committee for the KCCP was held in Brooklyn with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant

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stated that finances were discussed and that ALBERTSON was to raise $150.00 for the campaign.

NY T-8 on August 19, 1960, advised that on August 17, 1960, a meeting of the KCCP staff took place with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated that the political campaign in the Brownsville Section of Brooklyn, was discussed and ALBERTSON recommended that things be put into high gear to accelerate the political activity.

NY T-8 on August 12, 1960, advised that on August 10, 1960, prior to a meeting of the KCCP staff, a political meeting was held in Brooklyn. The informant stated that the political campaign in Brooklyn was discussed and ALBERTSON recommended that all CP people connected with the campaign were to conceal their CP status and were to decline any elective office if such office was offered to them. ALBERTSON said the Brooklyn CP organization was to be congratulated on their political activity.

NY T-8 on August 12, 1960, advised a meeting of the KCCP staff on August 10, 1960, in Brooklyn, was held, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated the main discussion centered around political activity in Brooklyn.

NY T-9 on August 16, 1960, advised a work shop meeting of the KCCP Organizers was scheduled for August 12, 1960, in Brooklyn. The informant stated that ALBERTSON was present for the meeting which was subsequently cancelled due to poor attendance.

NY T-8 on August 5, 1960, advised a meeting of certain KCCP and New York State CP members was held in Brooklyn on August 4, 1960, with ALBERTSON in attendance and that the discussions concerned the sponsoring of an independent political aspirant.

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Erie County CP Political Activity

NY T-10 on August 2, 1960, advised that an Erie County CP Political Conference was held on July 29, 1960, in Buffalo, New York. The informant said that ALBERTSON led the discussion which centered around the CP line in the 1960 elections.

CP Factional Struggle

NY T-[redacted] on September 11, 1960, advised on September 8, 1960, a leading CP national leader said that there is a fight for leadership and a real crisis in the NYD CP. The informant reported that another CP leader said that as a result of the fight ALBERTSON and one or two other NYD CP leaders may be removed from their positions. (U)

NY T-1 on August 30, 1960, advised that during August, 1960, ALBERTSON commented on the leadership fight and crisis in the NYD CP. ALBERTSON stated that he feels that the "left group" under the leadership of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., is in the majority in the leadership of the NYD CP, that the "left" influence is the dominating influence in all policy positions in the district. According to ALBERTSON, a few people in the leadership are being tolerated by the "left forces" even though not in agreement with them.

According to the informant, ALBERTSON feels he is number one on the list of leaders to be dismissed from his leadership position of Organizational Secretary in the New York District CP. According to ALBERTSON, he has gone to the National CP office to have them intervene to stop "left forces" from taking over the NYD CP. ALBERTSON said he told the National CP leadership that factionalism in the NYD CP was not only unchecked, but was actually opposing the National CP line and opposing ALBERTSON personally. ALBERTSON stated the National Office promised to look into the NYD CP leadership problem four months before August, but has not moved.

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"The Worker", July 17, 1960, Page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. as the National Secretary of the CP.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

NY T-11 on August 16, 1960, advised that an upstate conference of the NYD CP was held in Albany, New York, on August 3, 1960. During this conference, according to the informant, the Upstate CP Coordinator stated that he favored cutting CLARENCE HATHAWAY and WILLIAM ALBERTSON from their positions since their policy was not bold enough and as a result the CP was turning into a sect rather than a Party which should grow.

"The Worker", August 7, 1960, Page 12, identified CLARENCE HATHAWAY as State Chairman of the New York State CP.

CP Leadership School

NY T-12 on September 15, 1960, advised that during the 12th session of a CP leadership training school held in New York, New York, on September 9, 1960, ALBERTSON conducted a youth work seminar.

NY T-13 on September 13-15, 1960, corroborated the above information furnished by NY T-12.

Miscellaneous CP Information

NY T-14 on October 5, 1960, furnished a copy of the fall term brochure of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) which holds classes at 853 Broadway, New York, New York. This brochure set out that on Fridays, the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) would

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hold classes at the school. In this brochure ALBERTSON was listed as teaching a SCOPE class on Friday from 9 pm to 10:30 pm captioned "History of American Radical Movements".

A characterization of SCOPE is contained in the Appendix hereto.

THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES
Formerly known as the PEOPLES SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, NY T-19 advised that BETTY GANNETT announced at a meeting of the CP, USA, New York District Staff, held on September 16, 1960, that the Peoples School for Marxist Studies was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, New York District.

NY T-15 made available a letter, dated October 5, 1960, from the New York School for Marxist Studies setting out HERBERT APTHEKER as Director.

NY T-2 advised on December 14, 1959, that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, at the 17th National CP Convention.

"The Worker", September 6, 1959, Page 3, identified BETTY GANNETT as the New York State CP Educational Director.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York, on almost a daily basis from mid July through mid September, 1960.

On October 27, 1960, Special Agents of the FBI [redacted] and [redacted] approached ALBERTSON who after acknowledging his identity, refused to enter into a conversation with the agents after they had identified themselves. b6 b7C

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[redacted], United States Probation Officer, on September 16, 1960, advised that ROBERT THOMPSON was then residing in care of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Apartment 12E, 520 West 110th Street.

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ROBERT THOMPSON was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act. On May 20, 1959, THOMPSON was returned to custody to serve the remaining 17 months of a contempt sentence. On September 14, 1960, THOMPSON was released on probation which extends to January, 1962.

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, listed ROBERT THOMPSON as a member of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, at its meeting on June 27-28, 1958.

PART II

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

CP Payroll

NY T-16 on August 24, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON was scheduled to receive from the NYS CP a gross salary of $90 and a net salary of $74.40 for the week ending August 19, 1960.

National CP Meetings and Activity

NY T-17 on September 15, 1960, advised that a brief meeting of the CP, USA, Secretariat and invited guests took place that date in New York, New York, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated the meeting was called to discuss CP activity in connection with Premier KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the United Nations on September 20, 1960.

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NY T-16 on September 14, 1960, advised a meeting of the CP, USA, Secretariat and invited guests took place that date in New York, New York, and that the main topic was concerned with the leadership problem in the New York District CP. The informant advised that during this meeting BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., said he favored the removal of ALBERTSON, whom he described as "factional through and through".

NY T-17 on August 9, 1960, advised a meeting of National CP functionaries including some NEC, CP, USA, members, was held that date in New York, New York, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant said that the meeting was devoted to a discussion of peace issues and peace organizations.

NYD CP Board Meetings

It should be noted that all the below board meetings were held in New York, New York.

NY T-18 on August 25, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYD CP board meeting on that date.

NY T-18 on August 11, 1960, advised that a NYD CP board meeting was held that date with ALBERTSON functioning as Chairman. The informant said that ALBERTSON briefed the members about the effort of the CP to run candidates in the 21st Congressional District and in the 13th Assembly District of New York, New York.

NY T-19 on July 18, 1960, advised that a meeting of NYS CP functionaries and board members was held that date to discuss the Brooklyn CP organization in view of the scheduled reorganization plans for the NYD CP. The informant stated that ALBERTSON attended this meeting.

NY T-18 on July 21, 1960, advised that a meeting of the NYD board was held that date and that ALBERTSON participated in discussing problems involved in the formation of the CP line for the 1960 elections.

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NY T-18 on June 29, 1960, advised a special meeting of the NYD board was held that date to discuss proposals for reorganization. The informant stated that these proposals had the approval of the National Secretariat of the CP, USA. The informant advised that no general agreement could be reached on the proposals, and that a committee of five including ALBERTSON, was appointed to bring in a report for the next board meeting.

NY T-18 on June 23, 1960, advised that the NYD CP board met that date with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated the main report was on the 1960 elections and that after the report and discussions on the report ALBERTSON proposed that the CP hold a Party election conference for July 16, 1960; convene the next State CP Committee meeting for July 17, 1960, and requested that all County Committees review all forms of independent candidacy and present their findings to the State CP staff to assist in the final formation of CP policy prior to the July 16, 1960 conference.

New York District CP Staff Meetings

It should be noted that all the below mentioned meetings were held in New York, New York.

NY T-19 on September 6, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYD staff meeting that date, and that the meeting was concerned with school sit-outs in New York City, and the visit of Premier KHRUSHCHEV to the United Nations.

NY T-19 on September 1, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a New York District CP staff meeting that date to discuss school integration plans.

NY T-19 on August 3, 1960, advised that the NYD CP staff met that date and that the 1960 elections were discussed.

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The informant stated that ALBERTSON remarked that there was an immediate need for $1000 for CP political work.

NY T-18 on July 26, 1960, advised a meeting of the NYD CP staff was held that date. According to the informant, ALBERTSON said the CP would start a fund drive after Labor Day. The informant said that ALBERTSON outlined quotas for the various county organizations in the New York State CP.

NY T-18 on June 21, 1960, advised a meeting of the NYD CP staff took place that date with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated the main report was on reorganization plans and that ALBERTSON favored the report although several people were in opposition.

New York District CP Reorganization Activity

NY T-17 on October 15, 1960, advised that an enlarged Organizational Commission of the CP was held that date in New York, New York. The informant stated that during the meeting, ALBERTSON commented on a registration drive of CP members and also said that the CP should concern itself with the ideological preparation of the membership so that the membership of the CP would not sustain a "new shock" should an unfavorable ruling toward the CP come from the United States Supreme Court. ALBERSTON also said that efforts should be made to develop an atmosphere in which the Supreme Court may make a favorable decision.

NY T-18 on July 14, 1960, advised that a meeting of the Sub-committee on Reorganization of the NYD CP, was held in New York, New York, that date, to hear a report on the Bronx County CP. The informant stated that ALBERTSON was in attendance.

NY T-18 on July 11, 1960, advised that a meeting of the Sub-committee on Reorganization of the NYD CP, met in New York, New York, that date, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant advised that those present discussed the general terms for reorganization but could come to no agreement at that time.

NY T-18 advised on June 24, 1960, that the NYD CP Organization Committee met that date in New York, New York, with ALBERTSON functioning as Chairman. The informant stated that the meeting was devoted to a report by ALBERTSON concerning a proposed election conference. ALBERTSON said that the election conference would consider the CP policy in relation to the 1960 election, a question of work toward peace and "left" candidates and the questioning of finalizing and nominating CP candidates.

Miscellaneous

NY T-20 on September 19, 1960, advised that CLARENCE HATHAWAY on that date, said that due to the constant barrage against ALBERTSON by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., ALBERTSON would probably not remain as Organizational Secretary to the NYD CP. HATHAWAY said that ALBERTSON would probably prefer trade union work.

PART III

BACKGROUND

[redacted] NY T-21 on November 15, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON lives at 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York.

APPENDIX

STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE) CONFIDENTIAL

A confidential source advised on June 16, 1958, that SCOPE was formed in early 1958, by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Another confidential source made available on April 1, 1958, a brochure put out by SCOPE which sets forth that the members of SCOPE believed that youth ought to know and so they are trying, in a modest way, to provide conditions in which youth can broaden their knowledge and improve their understanding of this "changing, perplexing, and exciting age." According to this brochure, to accomplish this SCOPE is conducting classes for youth taught by Marxist instructors.

Another confidential source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party (CP), USA, held that day in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, stated that in New York there is a group of about 21 youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a student committee on progressive education which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. They have made a national tour of the Party using "real cloak and dagger" operation methods as far as the Party apparatus is concerned, making intelligent contacts and organized, unbeknown the Party, a cadre that would bring into being and revive a Marxist organization. THOMPSON stated that approximately 8 or 10 of this group are CP members.

Another confidential source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUMER, CP, USA, Educational Director, stated that in New York, most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York, which are either Party groups or pro-Party groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education). This group stands closest to the CP leadership.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated February 14, 1960, page 13, column 4, carried an article captioned "Youth Classes" wherein is stated that the Student

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE) CONT'D.

Committee on Progressive Education is offering a series of Marxist classes for youth beginning Friday, February 26, 1960, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

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Part I of this report contains admissible evidence. Part II contains inadmissible evidence, and Part III contains background information.

The sources used to characterize SCOPE, in the order mentioned, are:

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The sources used to characterize New York School of Marxist Studies, in the order mentioned, are:

NY 2384-S*

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The sources used to characterize ADVANCE, in the order of their use, are:

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The Special Agents who observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York, are:

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WILLIAM J. BARRON b6 b7C

These observations are contained in 100-4931-Sub 0.

NY T-31 was a physical surveillance performed by SA [redacted] who was in a position to observe and hear ALBERTSON in a meeting in Room 205, at Variety Arts Studio, on 11/9/60 and 11/23/60. This was placed under a T symbol because this technique may be used again should it happen that meetings there cannot be covered by other appropriate means.

SAs [redacted] and [redacted] observed ALBERTSON entering Room 205, Variety Arts Studio, on 11/30/60.

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INFORMANTS

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NY T-1 NY 694-S	100-129629-5469
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NY T-17 [redacted]	[redacted]

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NY T-21 NY 2017-S*		
NY T-22 NY 1750-S*		
NY T-23 CG 5824-S*	Used to characterize PHIL BART, JACK STACHEL	
NY T-24 NY 2359-S*		
NY T-25 NY 2384-S*		
NY T-26 NY 3024-S*		
NY T-27 NY 3025-S*		
NY T-28 NY 3079-S*		
NY T-29 NY 2358-S*		

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Synopsis:

During NYD CP Committee meeting, 12/4/60, ALBERTSON was relieved from his assignment as NYD CP Organizational Secretary, and was referred to the National CP Committee for reassignment. Information received that ALBERTSON may be assigned to assist at International Publishers; set out goals for "The Worker" and NYD CP fund drives during an enlarged NYD CP Committee meeting, 10/29/60; during a NYD CP Board meeting, 10/18/60, was blamed for CP weaknesses in the field on youth problems; on 11/15/60, participated in a meeting and said it was important that young people understand Cuba's fight against American imperialism. Information received that ALBERTSON taught SCOPE classes entitled "History of American Radical Movements", during October and November, 1960; on 11/30/60, urged every CP member present at a meeting that date to be ready to accept an assignment to penetrate the rank and file of the food unions.

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DETAILS

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PART I

The Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The New York District Communist Party (NYD CP) is commonly referred to as the New York State Communist Party (NYS CP).

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the CP

(U) NY T-1, on November 10, 1960, advised that on November 6, 1960, GUS HALL commented that he intends to reorganize the NYS CP and that ALBERTSON would be removed from the New York organization and may be assigned to assist at International Publishers. (C)

A characterization of International Publishers is contained in the appendix section hereto.

"The Worker" issue of October 23, 1960, Page 3, identified GUS HALL as the CP General Secretary.

"The Worker" is an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

NY T-2 advised on December 9, 1960, that on December 3, 4, 1960, the NYD CP Committee met in New York, New York. The informant advised that during the December 4, 1960 meeting, a proposal was made and passed that

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ALBERTSON be relieved from his assignment in the NYD CP as Organizational Secretary and be referred to the CP National Committee for reassignment.

NY T-3 advised on December 5, 1960, that a meeting of the NYD CP Committee was held in New York, New York, on December 3, 4, 1960. The informant advised that during the meeting it was approved that ALBERTSON be removed from his position as Organizational Secretary of the NYS CP and be released to the National CP organization which will assign him to a new position in the National Leadership and will go on the National CP payroll.

NY T-4, on December 12, 1960, advised that a New York County CP Committee meeting was held in New York, New York, on December 8, 1960, and that a report was given on the reorganization of the NYS CP. According to the informant, it was stated that the report was based upon a recent NYS CP Committee meeting. The informant stated that it was mentioned in this report that ALBERTSON has been released by the NYS CP to the National CP Office, and is to receive a new assignment.

NY T-5, on December 7, 1960, advised that during a NYS CP Committee meeting on December 4, 1960, ALBERTSON was removed from leadership in the NYD CP.

Attendance at NYD CP Committee Meetings

NY T-3, on January 12, 1961, advised that the NYD CP Committee met on January 8, 1961, in New York, New York, and that ALBERTSON was in attendance. The informant reported that the meeting was devoted to reports on tasks facing the NYD CP and on political and social areas.

NY T-3, on December 5, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a two day meeting of the NYD CP Committee on December 3, 4, 1960.

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NY T-2 advised on November 10, 1960, that an enlarged NYD CP Committee meeting was held on November 5, 1960, in New York, New York, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant reported that the meeting was devoted to a long report by GUS HALL evaluating the NYD CP.

NY T-12, on November 10, 1960, NY T-11, on November 15, 1960, NY T-10, on November 8, 1960, NY T-8, on November 9, 1960, and NY T-6, on November 5, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended an enlarged NYD CP Committee meeting on November 5, 1960.

NY T-6 advised on November 4, 1960, that an enlarged meeting of the NYD CP Committee was held at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, on October 29, 1960. The informant reported that ALBERTSON gave a report on "The Worker" during this meeting.

NY T-7 and NY T-8, on October 31, 1960, and November 2, 1960, respectively, also advised that ALBERTSON attended this meeting on October 29, 1960.

NY T-9, on November 4, 1960, furnished the following information concerning the enlarged NYD CP Committee meeting of October 29, 1960, at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York:

ALBERTSON said there was hardly a CP member who did not have at least one friend or neighbor that he could not talk to about "The Worker" or the CP. ALBERTSON said he expects everyone to bring in at least one member by the first of the year. ALBERTSON said all dues must be paid by the first of the year, and the CP clubs were asked to get an additional months dues from each member. The informant reported that ALBERTSON also set out goals for "The Worker" and the NYD CP fund drives.

NY T-13 advised on October 8, 1960, that the second day's session of the NYD CP Committee meeting was

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held at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, that date with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant advised that ALBERTSON read a portion of a resolution which had been adopted by the CP National Executive Committee concerning an alleged dispute between China and Russia.

NY T-13, on October 9, 1960, advised that the final day's sessions of the NYD CP Committee was held at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, on that date. The informant stated ALBERTSON was present at this meeting and heard a report on peace possibilities and another report concerning the leadership of the NYD CP.

NY T-3 advised on October 11, 1960, that ALBERTSON was present on both days of a meeting of the NYD CP Committee held in New York, New York, on October 7, 8, 1960.

NYD CP Board Meetings

NY T-13 advised on October 14, 1960, that the NYD CP Board met on October 13, 1960, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated a report was given on organizational problems in the NYD CP. According to the informant, LOUIS WEINSTOCK stated that for some time he and ALBERTSON have not talked with each other and that ALBERTSON does not run his office efficiently.

The masthead of "The Worker" edition of January 8, 1961, lists LOUIS WEINSTOCK as the general manager of "The Worker".

LOUIS WEINSTOCK was convicted in a United States District Court, New York, New York, on January 21, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act.

NY T-13 advised on October 19, 1960, that a special meeting of the NYD CP Board was held on October 18, 1960, and that one person present at the meeting gave a lengthy report on youth problems and blamed all the CP weaknesses in this field on ALBERTSON.

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NY T-13 advised on October 20, 1960, that the second of two special NYD CP Board meetings was held in New York, New York, that date, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant said that it was decided to postpone the NYD CP Committee meeting on the recommendation of the National CP Leadership which was studying reorganizational problems in the NYD CP.

NY T-13 reported on October 28, 1960, that a meeting of the NYD CP Board was held on October 27, 1960, with ALBERTSON in attendance. The informant stated that GUS HALL, during this meeting, gave an analysis of the NYD CP.

NY T-13, on November 10, 1960, advised that a meeting of the NYD CP Board was held on November 10, 1960, in New York, New York, and that ALBERTSON entered into the discussions concerning peace organizations and the relationship of the CP with these organizations.

Activities in the Youth Field

NY T-14, on December 7, 1960, advised that on November 28, 1960, a meeting of the elements of the NYD CP Youth Commission was held in ALBERTSON'S residence. The informant advised that ALBERTSON participated in this meeting which was limited to a discussion of a proposed new national Youth organization which was scheduled to be formed in Chicago, Illinois, from December 30, 1960, to January 1, 1961.

NY T-15 advised on November 29,1960, that on November 23, 1960, at 853 Broadway, New York, New York, ALBERTSON taught a Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) class entitled "History of American Radical Movements". The informant said this was an additional class to allow members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) to answer charges made in a previous class by ALBERTSON.

A characterization of SCOPE is contained in the appendix section hereto.

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NY T-15, on November 15, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON taught a SCOPE class on November 11, 1960, entitled "History of American Radical Movements". According to the informant, ALBERTSON noted that there were members present from the SWP as guests. According to the informant, ALBERTSON outlined the faults of the SWP. At the end of the class it was announced that another special class would be held to allow the SWP members a rebuttal.

NY T-15 advised on November 7, 1960, that ALBERTSON taught a SCOPE class entitled "History of American Radical Movements" at 853 Broadway, New York, New York, on November 4, 1960. The informant reported that ALBERTSON held a discussion on the faults of the Socialist Labor Party.

NY T-15 advised on November 3, 1960, that ALBERTSON again taught a SCOPE class at 853 Broadway, New York, New York, on October 28, 1960. The informant reported that ALBERTSON said the world class struggle is becoming more acute and gave the United Nations voting on certain issues as an example. ALBERTSON said the reason the United States working class was not more class conscious before was that they could move westward whenever they were exploited. ALBERTSON also claimed that the two party system is being used so that the capitalists do not have to make as many concessions to the working class.

NY T-16, on January 5, 1961, furnished the Winter term 1961 catalog of the New York School for Marxist Studies which sets forth the names of the instructors, the classes to be offered, and the dates the classes will be held. The catalog sets forth the name of WILLIAM ALBERTSON scheduled to teach a class "History of American Radical Movements" on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. starting January 19, 1961 and ending February 24, 1961.

A characterization of the New York School for Marxist Studies is contained in the appendix section hereto.

Miscellaneous CP Activity

NY T-17 advised on October 26, 1960, that a dinner was held on October 21, 1960 at 61 Rivington Street, New York, New York, under the sponsorship of "The Worker" and was called "The Salute to Old Timers". The informant reported that ALBERTSON attended this dinner.

NY T-18 advised on November 4, 1960 that ALBERTSON also attended the above dinner and said the dinner had the support of the NYS CP organization.

NY T-19 advised on November 25, 1960, that a joint meeting of two Bronx CP clubs was held on November 17, 1960 in the Bronx, New York, and that ALBERTSON was present as a guest speaker. The informant stated that ALBERTSON gave a report on the latest reorganizational plans of the NYD CP.

NY T-12, on December 6, 1960, corrobrated the information concerning the November 17, 1960 meeting in the Bronx, New York.

NY T-20 reported on December 1, 1960, that a combined meeting of three CP clubs in the Bronx was held on November 16, 1960, with ALBERTSON acting as the chairman. The informant stated a report was given on the reorganization of the NYD CP.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed ALBERTSON entering and leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York, on the following dates:

October 10, 13, 18, 1960
November 2, 4, 8, 15, 21, 1960
December 19, 20, 28, 29, 1960

ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the FBI entering CP Headquarters on the following dates:

October 11, 12, 15, 19, 21, 24, 25, 1960
November 9, 10, 17, 29, 30, 1960
December 1, 2, 5, 27, 1960

PART II

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

CP Payroll

NY T-21 advised on October 14, 1960, that ALBERTSON was scheduled to receive a gross salary of $90.00 for the week ending October 14, 1960, from the NYD CP payroll.

NY T-22 advised on November 17, 1960, that PHIL BART, that date, mentioned that a very serious financial situation existed that date and as a result everyone on the CP payroll had to take half pay. According to the informant, BART said that ALBERTSON became very excited and shouted that he was "sick of starving". The informant reported that BART said he questioned ALBERTSON as to whether he thought anyone was "chiseling" extra money for himself or the National CP Office.

NY T-23 advised on January 12, 1960, that PHIL BART was the National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA.

Information Concerning CP Leadership Position

NY T-24, on November 30, 1960, advised that during a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat that date in New York, New York, the reorganization of the NYD CP Leadership was discussed. The informant advised that GUS HALL suggested a NYD CP Leadership staff which did not include ALBERTSON and

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suggested that ALBERTSON be considered for a different assignment, possibly with International Publishers. The informant stated that JACK STACHEL agreed that ALBERTSON should be eliminated from leadership at that time and given another assignment. BEN DAVIS agreed to this, according to the informant, and said that ALBERTSON is very capable even though he has plenty of sharp criticism for ALBERTSON. WILLIAM PATTERSON, according to the informant, said ALBERTSON should be in International Publishers where his "drive" and administrative ability can assist that organization "to play the role it could play in the American field".

On December 14, 1959, NY T-23 advised that JACK STACHEL was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA at its 17th National Convention held on December 10-13, 1959.

"The Worker" issue of October 30, 1960, Page 1, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as National Secretary of the CP.

"The Worker" issue of December 11, 1960, Page 12, identified WILLIAM PATTERSON as a full-time member of the NYS CP Staff in the capacity of vice-chairman.

NY T-24 advised that on October 24, 1960, the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests met that day in New York. According to the informant, BEN DAVIS, during this meeting described ALBERTSON as a "very clever comrade" who has been tieing up the CP in New York State with "internal bickerings and struggle".

NY T-24, on November 2, 1960, advised a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests was held that date in New York, New York. The informant reported that during this meeting GUS HALL said that ALBERTSON should remain in the leadership as a part-time trade union leader or possibly in "defense" work. Another individual,

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according to the informant, said that consideration should be given to assigning ALBERTSON to Party building in New, Jersey, New England, and Pennsylvania.

NY T-25, on December 20, 1960, advised that a meeting of CP functionaries was held in New York, New York, that date, and that ALBERTSON stated he would go on the National CP payroll, January 15, 1961.

Attendance at National CP Secretariat Meeting

NY T-24, on October 23, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat that date in New York, New York. The meeting was devoted to a discussion on peace organizations. According to the informant, ALBERTSON said he favored a broad "permissive" democratic type peace organization which permits Communists, but care must be taken not to form a narrow peace organization.

NYD CP Committee Meetings

NY T-26, on October 7, 8, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Committee held on those dates in New York, New York, at 74 Fifth Avenue.

NY T-27 advised on October 9, 1960, that ALBERTSON attended the final day's meeting of the NYD CP Committee held that date in New York, New York.

NY T-28, on December 4, 1960, advised a meeting of the NYD CP Committee was held that date at 40 East 7th Street, New York, New York. During the meeting, according to the informant, ALBERTSON said his removal from the leadership is correct because of the serious dissension in the Party within the past year; because of his known weaknesses, and because of not working in a better fashion to overcome obstacles. ALBERTSON said it would be important for the National CP Secretariat to consider these weaknesses before a new assignment is made for him.

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Attendance at NYD CP Board Meetings

All meetings of the NYD CP Board were held in New York, New York.

NY T-29, on December 1, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON participated in a NYD CP Board meeting that date, and that GUS HALL gave a report setting out his views on the reorganization of the NYD CP.

NY T-29, on November 16, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Board that date and heard a report on reorganizational plans for the NYD CP by the NYD CP chairman. According to the informant, ALBERTSON said the report did not sufficiently go into the need for organizational streamlining in order to raise CP work to higher levels to make it more effective in Negro and Puerto Rican communities.

NY T-29, on November 10, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a NYD CP Board meeting that date and heard a report and discussions on organizational problems, finances of "The Worker" and peace organizations.

NY T-29, on November 1, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Board that date and heard GUS HALL present his ideas on the re-organization of the NYD CP. According to the informant, ALBERTSON supported HALL'S comments but noted the problems of a resistance group within the NYD CP. He described this group as one which rejects everything the National CP Leadership sends to the NYD CP and thereby causes factionalism.

NY T-29, on October 27, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Board that date and again heard GUS HALL comment on steps necessary to reorganize the NYS CP.

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NYT-29, on October 18, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Board that date, and that a discussion was held on the NYD CP Leadership problems. According to the informant, ALBERTSON commented as follows:

The problem is to find out what is correct and what the CP line is, and then proceed from there.

NY T-29, on October 13, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Board that date and that the meeting was devoted largely to a report and discussion of the internal problems of the NYD CP organization.

Attendance at NYD CP Staff Meetings

All NYD CP Staff meetings were held in New York, New York.

NY T-29, on November 22, 1960, advised that, this date, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff which was concerned largely with a discussion on peace organizations.

NY T-29, on November 16, 1960, advised that, this date, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff that date, and heard an organizational report on the New York County CP.

NY T-29, on November 18, 1960, advised that, this date, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff which was devoted largely to a discussion on peace organizations.

NY T-29, on November 1, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff that date, and that a discussion was held on a proposed school teachers strike in New York City. According to the informant, ALBERTSON pointed out that there was a

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possibility of a minority strike, and if this was so, the CP should have a hands-off policy.

NY T-29, on October 25, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff that date, and that ALBERTSON gave a report on a CP registration campaign and set out the number of registrants by counties in the NYD CP. According to the informant, ALBERTSON pointed out that this registration drive could be used to check up to see what every member of the CP is doing in an effort to develop better contacts for the CP.

NY T-29, on October 26, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff that date, and entered into discussions on peace organizations.

NY T-29, on October 13, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff that date, and that the meeting was devoted largely to a discussion on the reorganization of the NYD CP.

NY T-29, on October 12, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff that date. According to the informant, ALBERTSON defended the leadership position in regards to its work with the masses and stated the whole question of the CP's united front relationship is involved in its work. He said this kind of work does not bring immediate results and it is not easy to explain this to CP members when they ask the question what is the Party doing about this or that.

According to the informant, ALBERTSON also stated that the Party must take the initiative in mass work. He stated the CP must concern itself individually and collectively in their own leadership. Those who fight for the CP should be in leadership. ALBERTSON

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stated that there has been an attempt recently to "cut the throats" of those who have fought for the CP. ALBERTSON added that there were a lot of people who did not like the way he fought for the CP, but thought he had fought for it to the best of his ability.

NY T-29, on October 11, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the NYD CP Staff that date and heard a report on the reorganization of the NYD CP.

Activities in the Youth Field

NY T-30, on December 19, 1960, advised that this date, an informal discussion was held in CP Headquarters, New York, New York, concerning the formation of a national Marxist youth organization. The informant advised that ALBERTSON participated in this discussion and suggested certain people who could possibly address the youth organization at its founding meeting.

NY T-25, on November 15, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON met with several individuals in CP Headquarters that date, and discussed how ADVANCE could develop activities around Cuba and Latin America. According to the informant, ALBERTSON stated it was important to win young people to an understanding of Cuba's fight against American imperialism. ALBERTSON also said it was important for ADVANCE to try and influence the youth on the college campuses.

A characterization of ADVANCE is contained in the appendix section hereto.

Activities in the Industrial CP

NY T-21, on November 8, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON planned to meet with Local Number 6 club of the Food and Bakers Region, at 3:00 p.m., on November 9, 1960.

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NY T-17, on November 9, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON mentioned on November 8, 1960, that Local Number 6, CP Club, would meet at 3:00 p.m., on November 9, 1960, at the Variety Arts Studio (VAS), 225 West 46th Street, New York, New York.

NY T-31, on November 9, 1960, observed ALBERTSON in Room 205, VAS, at 3:14 p.m. NY T-31 stated that while ALBERTSON was in this room he led a discussion about the recent Presidential election, and that all present in the room seemed to agree that the CP should attempt to pressure the President elect to appoint people to high positions who would be in sympathy with the CP.

NY T-21, on November 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON planned to meet with Local Number 6 Club of the Food and Bakers Region at 3:00 p.m., on November 23, 1960.

NM T-17, on November 23, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON mentioned that Local Number 6, CP Club, would meet on November 23, 1960, at VAS, 225 West 46th Street, New York, New York.

NY T-31 advised on November 23, 1960, that ALBERTSON entered Room 205, VAS, at 3:55 p.m., on November 23, 1960, along with three other individuals. NY T-31 advised that ALBERTSON stated that Local Number 6 Club has 9 strong members who can be depended upon to do a good job. ALBERTSON also said that the next meeting would be on December 7, 1960, at VAS, at 4:30 p.m.

NY T-21, on November 22, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON planned to meet with Local Number 1 Club of the Food and Bakers Region at 3:00 p.m., on November 30, 1960.

NY T-17, on November 29, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON would probably hold a meeting of Local Number 1

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Club of the Food and Bakers Region at VAS, 225 West 46th Street, on November 30, 1960.

Special Agents of the FBI, on November 30, 1960, observed ALBERTSON enter Room 205, VAS, at 3:03 p.m.

NY T-32, on November 30, 1960, advised that ALBERTSON met with several individuals in Room 205, VAS, that date, and said "they" must penetrate the rank and file of the Food Unions and urged every CP member to be ready to accept an assignment. According to the informant, ALBERTSON announced that an important meeting of Locals Numbers 1, 6, and 89 would be held on December 21, 1960, at 3:00 p.m. in the VAS. ALBERTSON also urged all present to see to it that everybody they knew as CP members of these locals attend this meeting.

The informant advised that ALBERTSON told an individual he would like to reregister him and asked, among other things, the length of time this person had been in the CP and what CP literature he read. The informant stated that this person gave ALBERTSON $5.00 in dues payment. The informant stated that ALBERTSON later on criticized this person for his failure to recruit and organize in Waiter's Local Number 1, and that an argument insued and other persons present urged both persons to be more moderate.

PART III

BACKGROUND

Residence

NY T-33 advised on January 18, 1961 that ALBERTSON resides at 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York, and was then unemployed, but expected to return to work in a short time.

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APPENDIX

ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth

A confidential source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance was organized at a Founding Convention held in New York City on February 13 - 14, 1960.

Another confidential source advised on March 2, 1960, that the Declaration of Principles, adopted at the Founding Convention of Advance, included the following pertinent points: a stand for peace and total disarmament; equal rights; anti-discrimination; struggles against forces of opposition to the Bill of Rights; an organized approach to Marxist theory; inform prospective applicants of the group's Declaration of Principles. This source stated that the Declaration of Principles was believed by the CP, USA Secretariat to be essentially the line of the National CP leadership.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated February 28, 1960, carried an article on page 14, entitled "New York City Marxist Youth Group Formed." This article lists four of the top officers of Advance, including JAKE ROSEN, MARVIN MARKMAN as Vice-Presidents, and MIKE STEIN as Educational Director.

Another confidential source advised on September 23, 1959, that at a meeting of Communist youth held September 20, 1959, JAKE ROSEN and MARVIN MARKMAN were announced as members of the New York State CP Youth Commission in charge of student activities and Youth Commission Co-ordinator, respectively. This confidential source advised on December 29, 1959, that MIKE STEIN was elected Educational Director of the Manhattan CP Youth Club on December 11, 1959.

The first confidential source advised on March 8, 1960, that Advance maintains a headquarters in Room 636, at 799 Broadway, New York City, and is currently engaged in the formation of clubs in all boroughs of New York City.

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning International Publishers:

"International Publishers

"1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by Alexander Trachtenberg. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"2. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Reports, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)

"3. 'Official American Communist Party publishing house.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of Government by force and violence, May 11, 1948, p. 80)"

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE)

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A confidential source advised on June 16, 1958, that SCOPE was formed in early 1958, by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Another confidential source made available on April 1, 1958, a brochure put out by SCOPE which sets forth that the members of SCOPE believed that youth ought to know and so they are trying, in a modest way, to provide conditions in which youth can broaden their knowledge and improve their understanding of this "changing, perplexing, and exciting age." According to this brochure, to accomplish this SCOPE is conducting classes for youth taught by Marxist instructors.

Another confidential source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party (CP), USA, held that day in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, stated that in New York there is a group of about 21 youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a student committee on progressive education which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. They have made a national tour of the Party using "real cloak and dagger" operation methods as far as the Party apparatus is concerned, making intelligent contacts and organized, unbeknown the Party, a cadre that would bring into being and revive a Marxist organization. THOMPSON stated that approximately 8 or 10 of this group are CP members.

Another confidential source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUMER, CP, USA, Educational Director, stated that in New York, most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York, which are either Party groups or pro-Party groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education). This group stands closest to the CP leadership.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated February 14, 1960, page 13, column 4, carried an article captioned "Youth Classes" wherein is stated that the Student

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE) CONT'D CONFIDENTIAL

Committee on Progressive Education is offering a series of Marxist classes for youth beginning Friday, February 26, 1960, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

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THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, a source advised that BETTY GANNETT announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School For Marxist Studies (PSMS) was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, NYD.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its issue of September 6, 1959, refers to BETTY GANNETT as New York State CP Educational Director.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" of October 16, 1960, announced the opening of the New York School For Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960 and Student Committee on Progressive Education (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address is reported as 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York, Room 1922.

Another source made available a letter to the NYSMS dated October 5, 1960, reflecting HERBERT APTHEKER as Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case of United States versus Kuzma, Et Al (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940, had been consciously guided by what he thought was the "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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NY 100-129629
Dufile 65-38100

New York, New York
February 21, 1961

Title William Albertson

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act - 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Thomas J. Devine, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

NY T-27, NY T-28, and NY T-32 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

The second source used to characterize the New York School for Marxist Studies was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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ReNYreport captioned as above, 2/21/61, and 0-17 setting out that the Appendix Section characterizing several organizations was missing.

These characterizations were inadvertently not attached to rerep. Submitted with this letter are four copies each of the following organizations:

Advance
International Publishers
Scope
The New York School for Marxist Studies

1 ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Encl. 16) (RM) (65-38100)
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DATE SUBMITTED 28 NOV 1960

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME	2. GRADE	3. SERVICE NO.	4. ACTIVE DUTY
ALBERTSON, William A William Albertson	Civ.	SSN: 113 ... 79	☐ YES ☒ NO

5. PRESENT HOME ADDRESS IN U. S.	6. DATE OF BIRTH	7. RACE
500 West 110th Street, Apt 12A New York, New York	7 May 1910	Cauc.

8. DUTY STATION OR BUSINESS ADDRESS	9. PLACE OF BIRTH
Communist Party New York State (CPNYS) 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York	Russia

10. DUTY OR JOB ASSIGNMENT	11. ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER	12. Certificate Number Through Which Citizenship Acquired
Organizational Secretary CPNYS	Not Listed	Not Listed

13. CONTROL SYMBOL AND FILE NUMBER	14. CONTROL OFFICE	15. INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY
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16. RESIDENCE FOR LAST TEN (10) YEARS (*Exclude present address above*)

a. DATE	b. NUMBER AND STREET	c. CITY	d. STATE
1956 Jun 50-Aug 53	430 West 119th St, Apt 23 1449 Collingwood St	New York Detroit	N.Y. Michigan

17. PLACE OF LONGEST EMPLOYMENT SINCE AGE 18

a. DATE	b. COMPANY OR FIRM	c. ADDRESS
Not Listed	Communist Party, USA	23 W. 26th St., New York, N.Y.

18. ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION (*For use of Control Office*) This office in possession of New York FBI reports entitled William Albertson, NY 100-129629, 7 Nov 56, 23 May 60 and 22 Aug 60. This request concerns a co-subject. Actual SUBJECT is [redacted] SSN: [redacted] DOB: [redacted] POB: [redacted] DA 340s also submitted re SUBJECT, SUBJECT's mother and brother. b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: May 16, 1961

FROM : Mr. E. B. Reddy

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

At the request of the Passport Office, Department of State, copies of the following reports in this case were forwarded to Liaison for transmittal to State Department.

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ACTION:

None. For record purposes.

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)* International Publishers 381 Park Avenue South New York, New York		
Key Facility Data Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility 65-38100
Interested Agencies		NOT RECORDED
Residence Address		3 APR 17 1961

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
WILLIAM ALBERTSON		kgs

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Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Report of SA THOMAS J. DEVINE, 2/21/61, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Part one of this report contains admissible evidence. Part two contains inadmissible evidence. Part three contains background information.

The sources used to characterize "Advance", in order of their use are:

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ALBERTSON was observed entering CP Headquarters at 23 West 26th St., NYC, on the following dates by the agents indicated:

Date	Agent
2/1/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON and [redacted]
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2/9/61	WILLIAM J. BARRON and [redacted]
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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
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5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
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8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/10/59; 10/27/60.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he was interviewed on 10/27/60 and gave no indication of cooperation.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) he is currently chairman of Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP and is chairman, NY District CP Youth Commission as set out in current report.

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: 5/19/61

Field Office File No.: 100-129629 Bureau File No.: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

ALBERTSON, residing at 520 West 110th St., NYC, is employed at International Publishers, 381 Park Ave. South, NYC. Informants advised ALBERTSON chairman of Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region; coordinator-organizer (chairman) of NY District CP Youth Commission; attended NY District CP Committee meeting, on 3/4-5/61, NY District CP Youth Commission meetings on 2/6/61, 3/20/61 and 4/3/61, Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region meetings during February and March, 1961; NY District CP staff meeting on 2/14/61, NY District board meeting on 3/23/61, and NEC, CP, USA, meeting 3/9-10/61; was appointed to sub-committee of NEC to draft a revised constitution; was appointed to special committee to investigate a dissident CP group in New Jersey; was instructor of class in Marxism held in Brooklyn, NY; taught class at NY School for Marxist Studies.

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DETAILS:

PART I

Employment

NY T-1 advised on April 4, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, has been employed by International Publishers, 381 Park Avenue South, New York City, for the past six weeks.

A characterization of International Publishers can be found in the appendix section of this report.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the Communist Party

NY T-2 advised on January 26, 1961, that a meeting of the Food Clubs of the Food and Bakers Region of the Communist Party (CP) met in New York City on January 24, 1961. At this meeting, a slate of officers was drawn up and BILL ALBERTSON was proposed as chairman. According to the informant, this slate was by no means official as it had to be voted on by the entire membership of the three food clubs, who were considering a merger to form one food club.

NY T-2 advised on February 2, 1961, that a meeting of the three merged food clubs of the Food and Bakers Region, CP, was held in New York City on January 31, 1961. WILLIAM ALBERTSON announced that because of the poor turnout at the meeting it becomes necessary to postpone the voting and the leadership proposal until the next meeting on February 14, 1961. ALBERTSON then spoke on reregistration, expressing concern over the number of persons still not reregistered in the CP. ALBERTSON also announced that he has a new job in the national CP organization which is not a policy-making position. This, her stated, will give him a much freer hand to work for the club. ALBERTSON further stated that

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the New York State CP is in extreme financial difficulty and they need all the money presently available in club treasuries.

NY T-3 advised on February 13, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York County CP Executive Committee, held on February 3, 1961, it was announced that BILL ALBERTSON, who is scheduled to get a nationalCCP assignment, is now a club organizer of a food workers club.

NY T-2 advised on February 15, 1961, that at a meeting of the Food Club of the Food and Bakers CP Region, under the name of the Unity Club, was held in New York City on February 14, 1961. Voting was held on the slate of officers previously submitted and the entire slate was adopted without objection. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was elected chairman of this club.

NY T-4 advised on February 23, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission on February 20, 1961, in New York City, it was announced that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present at the meeting, is the coordinator-organizer of the New York District CP Youth Commission.

NY T-4 advised on March 24, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a city-wide meeting of CP club organizers in New York City, on March 16, 1961. According to the informant, the purpose of this meeting was to hear a report by MILTON ROSEN on unemployment.

NY T-5 advised that MILTON ROSEN, as of March 1, 1961, was New York District CP Labor Secretary.

Attendance at New York
District CP Committee Meetings

NY T-6 advised on March 6, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held in New York City on March 4 - 5, 1961.

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Informant stated that the agenda of this meeting included a report on the 81st Party Conference in Moscow and a report on trade union work.

NY T-7 advised on March 9, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held in New York City on March 4 - 5, 1961.

Activities in the Youth Field

NY T-4 advised on February 7, 1961, that a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission was held on February 6, 1961, at the home of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Apartment 12-A, 520 West 110th Street, New York City. The agenda of the meeting included a discussion on the problems that the youth clubs were having as well as how best to bring Negro and Puerto Rican youth into the CP youth clubs.

NY T-4 advised on March 24, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a New York District CP Youth Commission meeting held in New York City on March 20, 1961. According to the informant, a discussion was held by those present on which organizations the CP youth should become active in. A resolution was passed at this meeting which provided that members of the CP youth clubs should not be permitted to take assignments outside of the geographical area over which their own youth club has jurisdiction, without the prior approval of the Youth Commission.

NY T-4 advised on April 4, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission held in New York City on April 3, 1961. According to the informant, at this meeting a discussion was held on the nomination of officers for the coming ADVANCE convention to be held on April 8 - 9, 1961. It was stated at this meeting that the CP wants party members to support the slate submitted.

A characterization of ADVANCE can be found in the appendix section of this report.

Activities in the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region, CP

NY T-2 advised on February 23, 1961, that a staff meeting of the Food Club of the Food and Bakers Region, CP, was held in New York City on February 21, 1961. The purpose of this meeting was to make up the agenda of the next membership meeting scheduled for February 28, 1961. ALBERTSON, who was present at this meeting, stated that he is anxious to complete the registration of CP members.

On March 8, 1961, NY T-2 advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region, CP held in New York City on March 7, 1961. Informant also advised on March 15, 1961, that ALBERTSON attended a membership meeting of the Food Club of the Food and Bakers Region, CP, on March 14, 1961.

NY T-2 advised on March 23, 1961, that a meeting of the staff of the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region, CP, was held in New York City on March 21, 1961. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present at the meeting, suggested that a party be planned and run as a fund raising party for "The Worker".

"The Worker" is an East Coast CP weekly newspaper.

NY T-2 advised on March 29, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region, held in New York City on March 28, 1961. ALBERTSON, who was chairman, began the meeting with a discussion of a party to be held on April 5, 1961, which was to be a fund raising affair for "The Worker". ALBERTSON announced that a staff meeting of the club would be held on May 4, 1961, and that the next membership meeting would be held on April 11, 1961.

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Miscellaneous CP
Activity

NY T-8 made available on February 14, 1961, the spring term catalogue of the New York School for Marxist Studies. This catalogue lists WILLIAM ALBERTSON as instructor for the course of "Development of Socialist Thought and Organization".

A characterization of the New York School for Marxist Studies can be found in the appendix section of this report.

NY T-9 advised on February 16, 1961, that a meeting of the Industrial Council of the Industrial Division, New York District CP, was held in New York City on March 15, 1961. WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as chairman of this meeting and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was the speaker. FLYNN spoke on her recent trip and attendance at the recent 81st Party Congress and her subsequent trip to Moscow.

"The Worker", issue of March 19, 1961, page 1, identifies ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as chairman of the CP, USA.

NY T-10 advised on February 28, 1961, that the first class in a series of sixsclasses on Marxism was to be held in Brooklyn, New York on February 21, 1961, with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as the instructor. Informant stated that ALBERTSON did not showuup for the class because of automobile trouble, therefore, the class was postponed until March 7, 1961.

NY T-11 advised on March 14, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor of a class held at the New York School for Marxist Studies, New York City, on March 10, 1961.

NY T-10 advised on March 15, 1961, that the first in a series of three classes taught by WILLIAM ALBERTSON was held in Brooklyn, New York, on March 7, 1961. The subject

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of the classes taught by ALBERTSON was "The History of the American Radical Movement".

NY T-10 advised on March 28, 1961, that the second classes of the History of the American Radical Movement taught by WILLIAM ALBERTSON was held in Brooklyn, New York on March 14, 1961. The topic for the evening was the theoretical and political differences between socialist organizations.

NY T-14 advised on April 10, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the April 9, 1961, session of the ADVANCE Convention held in New York City.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) entering CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on a number of occasions between February 1, 1961, and March 28, 1961.

PART II

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the Communist Party

NY T-12 advised on February 2, 1961, that he had learned from a prominent CP member on January 31, 1961, that BILL ALBERTSON was named to a committee of three by the leadership of the CP, USA, to evaluate what is considered an unsettled situation in the New Jersey District CP.

NY T-13 advised on February 2, 1961, that a meeting of the New York District CP Board was held at CP Headquarters on that date. During the meeting, CLARENCE HATHAWAY proposed a slate for the New York District CP Youth Commission and WILLIAM ALBERTSON was proposed as chairman. HATHAWAY acknowledged that there has been confusion in the youth work and the tendency is to blame ALBERTSON for it. However, the situations in the youth field were a direct reflection on the differences in the party.

According to the informant, ALBERTSON was elected by a vote of six to five to be chairman of the New York District CP Youth Commission.

"The Worker" issue of March 5, 1961, page 12, identifies CLARENCE HATHAWAY as chairman of the New York District CP.

NY T-14 advised on March 9-10, 1961, that a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), CP, USA, was held in New York City on March 9-10, 1961. It was proposed at the March 9, 1961 session that a constitution committee be formed to begin work on a constitution to be presented at the 18th National Convention. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was agreed upon at this meeting to be a member of this constitution committee.

NY T-15 advised on March 14, 1961, that he had been advised that atta meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, held in New York City, on March 9-10, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one (U) of the nine persons appointed to a sub-committee to draft a revised constitution of the CP. (C)

NY T-15 advised on March 26, 1961, that he learned that at a meeting of the CP, USA, Control Commission, held in New York City on March 24, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was mentioned as being on a special committee that will investigate the dissident CP group in New Jersey which has called itself "The New Jersey CP". Informant stated that ALBERTSON, although he is on this special committee, is not a member of the CP, (U) USA, Control Commission. (C)

CP National and State Meetings

NY T-16 advised on February 14, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a New York District CP Staff meeting held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on that date.

During this meeting, ALBERTSON was proposed as a member of the CP Literature Commission.

NY T-15 advisedoon March 15, 1961, that he had learned that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the NEC, CP, USA, meeting held in New York City, on March 9-10, 1961. (C)

NY T-13 advised on March 23, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a New York District CP Board meeting held in New York City on that date.

PART III

Employment and Residence

NY T-15 advised on March 31, 1961, that he had learned that WILLIAM ALBERTSON is working at International Publishers, but that it will take a long time to learn the trade. (C)(U)

NY T-17 advised on May 10, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 520 West 110th Street, New York City.

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning International Publishers:

"International Publishers

"1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by Alexander Trachtenberg. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"2. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Reports, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)

"3. 'Official American Communist Party publishing house.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of Government by force and violence, May 11, 1948, p. 80)"

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth

A confidential source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance was organized at a Founding Convention held in New York City on February 13 - 14, 1960.

Another confidential source advised on March 2, 1960, that the Declaration of Principles, adopted at the Founding Convention of Advance, included the following pertinent points: a stand for peace and total disarmament; equal rights; anti-discrimination; struggles against forces of opposition to the Bill of Rights; an organized approach to Marxist theory; inform prospective applicants of the group's Declaration of Principles. This source stated that the Declaration of Principles was believed by the Communist Party, USA Secretariat to be essentially the line of the National Communist Party leadership.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated February 28, 1960, carried an article on page 14, entitled "New York City Marxist Youth Group Formed." This article lists four of the top officers of Advance, including JAKE ROSEN, MARVIN MARKMAN as Vice-Presidents, and MIKE STEIN as Educational Director.

Another confidential source advised on September 23, 1959, that at a meeting of Communist youth held September 20, 1959, JAKE ROSEN and MARVIN MARKMAN were announced as members of the New York State CP Youth Commission in charge of student activities and Youth Commission Co-ordinator, respectively. This confidential source advised on December 29, 1959, that MIKE STEIN was elected Educational Director of the Manhattan CP Youth Club on December 11, 1959.

The first confidential source advised on March 8, 1960, that Advance maintains a headquarters in Room 636, at 799 Broadway, New York City, and is currently engaged in the formation of clubs in all boroughs of New York City.

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THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES

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In September, 1960, a source advised that BETTY GANNETT announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School For Marxist Studies (PSMS) was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, NYD.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its issue of September 6, 1959, refers to BETTY GANNETT as New York State CP Educational Director.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" of October 16, 1960, announced the opening of the New York School For Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960 and Student Committee on Progressive Education (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address is reported as 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York, Room 1922.

Another source made available a letter to the NYSMS dated October 5, 1960, reflecting HERBERT APTHEKER as Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case of United States versus Kuzma, Et Al (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940, had been consciously guided by what he thought was the "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 19, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-129629

Title William Albertson

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

The second source used to characterize the New York School for Marxist Studies was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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SAC, New York

June 8, 1961

Director, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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On June 2, 1961, the Passport Office, Department of State, advised that Albertson had, on that date, been issued United States Passport No. B 339866.

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Memorandum

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 7/26/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
(OO: NY)

ReBulet dated 6/6/61, advising that subject had been issued a passport.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies, and for the New York Office two copies, of a letterhead memorandum setting forth results of review of subject's passport file.

ALBERTSON's file at the Passport Office was reviewed by SA [redacted], on the date indicated. b6 b7C

A photo of the subject was obtained from his passport application and will be forwarded New York by routing slip when processed.

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July 26, 1961

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D. C., as reviewed on July 18, 1961, show that William Albertson, 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York, was issued passport number B339866 on June 2, 1961, based on an application dated May 4, 1961, at New York.

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The application for this passport showed that Albertson was born in Russia on May 7, 1910, to Solomon MR & MRS Abramsky and Esther Tashevsky NEE, both of whom were born in Russia. Subject's father was not a United States citizen, but his mother was naturalized in United States District MRS WILLIAM Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 29, 1927. Albertson has derivative citizenship certificate number A-95946. The subject was last married on June 10, 1955, to [redacted] ALBERTSON b6 b7C NEE [redacted] who was born in [redacted] on [redacted]. He was previously married to Francine Regina Schueeberg, who was born at Brooklyn, New York, on August 20, 1911. This marriage was terminated by divorce in March, 1954. ALBERTSON

MRS. WILLIAM (ALBERTSON)

On his application, Albertson described himself as follows:

Height:	5' 8"
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Executive

Albertson indicated that he intended to depart from New York in July, 1961, by air for a one month tourist trip to England, France, and the Soviet Union.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1961

FBI Liaison:	For Information Only
Re:	William Albertson Born: May 7, 1910 Place: Russia
Residence:	520 West 110 Street, New York 25, New York
Bureau File Number:	65-38100
Passport Number:	B339866 issued June 2, 1961 at Department of State
Attorney:	None

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure:	New York City
Date of Departure:	July 1961
Means of Transportation:	Air
Proposed Length of Stay:	One month
Countries to be Visited:	England, France and Soviet Union
Purpose of Trip:	Tourist

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	AUG 18 1961

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Report of SA [redacted] at New York. 5/19/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Part I of this report contains admissible evidence, Part II contains inadmissible evidence and Part III contains background information.

The sources used to characterize the New York School for Marxist Studies in order of their use are:

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The sources used to characterize Advance, an organization of progressive youth, in order of their use are:

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NY 2017-S*
NY 2358-S*

The sources used to characterize the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in order of their use are:

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The Special Agents of the FBI who observed ALBERTSON in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City on 6/22/61 were:

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The Special Agents who observed ALBERTSON entering Room 11B, Adelphia Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City on 6/24/61 were: b6 b7C

JOHN F. LANGTRY
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ALBERTSON was observed entering CP Headquarters at 23 West 26th Street, New York City on the following dates by the Agents indicated:

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report subject's CP activities.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason) it contains information from NY T-1 through NY T-9, the disclosure of which might impair the effectiveness of these informants. The report also contains information from NM T-10 through NY T-21, disclosure of these informants would impair the investigation of Communist activities in NYC which would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the U.S.
8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/10/59; 10/27/60.
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9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
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he is Chairman of Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP and is Chairman of Youth Commission, NY District CP as set out in report of SA ARTHUR S. BENNETT, 5/19/61. ALBERTSON is also temporary organizer of Kings County CP as set out in instant report.

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Synopsis: ALBERTSON resides 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed at International Publishers, 381 Park Avenue South, New York City. Informants advised ALBERTSON is temporary organizer of Kings County CP; might head up the CP Publishing Committee; attended meetings of NEC, CP, USA on 5/6/61, 5/27/61, and 6/10-11/61; attended New York District CP Committee, and Staff meetings; attended Executive Staff meetings of Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP on 5/2/61 and 6/6/61; attended Food Club CP meetings; was present at CP Youth Commission meetings on 5/8/61 and 6/5/61; taught class in "History of American Radical [redacted] Brooklyn, New York on 4/10/61; taught class at New York School for Marxist Studies on 4/21/61. ALBERTSON observed entering CP Headquarters, on various dates from 4/20/61 to 7/17/61.

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PART I

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the Communist Party (CP)

NY T-1 advised on July 28, 1961, that at a meeting of the sixth Assembly District CP Club, Kings County CP, held on July 25, 1961, it was announced that it appeared that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would take over as County Organizer of Brooklyn.

Attendance at National CP Meetings

NY T-2 advised on May 8, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at an enlarged meeting of the National Executive Board, CP,USA held at CP Headquarters, New York City on May 6, 1961. The agenda for this meeting was a report on "Some New Trends In Trade Unions". (C) (U) Portions were claimed and (B)(7)(D). See 190-4011

NY T-3 advised on May 10, 1961, that ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the CP,USA National Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City on May 8, 1961.

NY T-2 advised on May 30, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the first session of a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC)CP,USA held in New York City on May 27, 1961. This session consisted mainly of a report given by GUS HALL which dealt with the international situation. (U) (C)

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NY T-2 advised on July 21, 1961, that GUS HALL was General Secretary, CP,USA.

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NY T-3 advised on June 12, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at an extraordinary session of the NEC, CP, USA held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on June 10-11, 1961. This session was called to treat and consider the ruling of the United States Supreme Court with respect to the legal status of the Party.

Attendance at New York District CP Committee and Board Meetings

NY T-4 advised on June 23, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a combined meeting of the New York District CP Board and the Harlem Region CP Committee held in New York City on June 22, 1961. Due to the absence of several members of the Harlem Region, the meeting was not held and was rescheduled for a latter date.

NY T-5 advised on June 26, 1961, that a meeting of the State Committee, New York District CP was held at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City on June 24, 1961. The agenda for this meeting was devoted to the Supreme Court decision and the Party's tasks. According to the informant WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting.

NY T-2 advised on July 21, 1961, that a meeting of the New York State CP Board and invited guests was held in New York City on July 13, 1961. The key address at this meeting was delivered by GUS HALL on the factionalism in the New York District and on the question of how the Party views this factionalism and expects to handle it. Following HALL's address, a discussion was held and WILLIAM ALBERTSON who was present spoke in favor of the National leadership. (C) (U) See 190-40 11

Portions were classified as (B)(7)(D).

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Activities in the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP

NY T-6 advised on May 3, 1961, that a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP Executive Staff was held in New York City on May 2, 1961. According to the informant, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and advised that the purpose of this meeting was to plan the agenda for a membership meeting to be held on May 9, 1961.

NY T-6 advised on May 11, 1961, that a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region was held in New York City on May 9, 1961. The informant stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and that the agenda included fund drive report, subscription drive and a report on labor.

NY T-6 advised on May 25, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, was present at a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP held in New York City on May 23, 1961. The entire meeting was spent on a discussion on the selling of "The Worker" at a meeting of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers and the Bartenders Union Trade Council to be held in New York City June 3, 1961.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

NY T-6 advised on June 12, 1961, that a meeting of the Food Club Staff of the Food and Bakers Region CP was held in New York City on June 6, 1961. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and spoke briefly on the Supreme Court decision on the registration case saying that the Party's position is not yet clear. The rest of the meeting was spent in trying to devise means of increasing the subscription sales of "The Worker".

On June 28, 1961, NY T-6 advised that a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP was held on June 1, 1961, in New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting and led a discussion on the Party's role in union activities. ALBERTSON said that the Party should go along with the two "middle of the road" unions in their

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present policies rather than attack the, and while backing these union policies they should agitate for the inside of the expelled unions. He stated that the two unions who are "middle of the road" organizations are the International Union of Chefs, Cooks, Pastry Cooks and Assistants and the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union.

Activities in the Youth Field

NY T-7 advised on May 12, 1961, that a meeting of the Youth Commission, New York District CP was held in New York City on May 8, 1961. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting and proposed that a youth program be set up to bring the CP in New York City into youth work. In a discussion on the proposal that classes for CP youth be established, ALBERTSON stated that a list of students should be prepared and that he along with three other comrades would make a decision on who would attend classes.

NY T-7 advised on June 9, 1961, that a meeting of the Youth Commission, New York District CP was held on June 5, 1961, in New York City. The agenda of this meeting included a discussion on Negro work and on the Supreme Court decision on the Smith Act membership clause. WILLIAM ALBERTSON who was present at the meeting read a letter from GUS HALL which pointed out that for CP members to register was against their constitutional rights and that the CP would appeal the decision of the Supreme Court within the next 90 days.

Miscellaneous CP Activity

NY T-8 advised on April 27, 1961, that the last class in "History of American Radical Movements" taught by WILLIAM ALBERTSON was held in Brooklyn, New York on April 18, 1961.

NY T-9 advised on May 2, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was a teacher of a class held on April 21, 1961, at the New York School for Marxist Studies, 853 Broadway, New York City. The subject of this class was the activities of the Trotskyites and their connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. ALBERTSON stated that practically

all of the leadership in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee were Trotskyites.

Trotskyites are the followers of LEON TROTSKY and in the United States form the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of the New York School for Marxist Studies and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee may be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) entering CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on various dates between April 20, 1961, and July 17, 1961.

Part II

Residence and Employment

NY T-10 made available on May 10, 1961, a list of the employees of the International Publishers, 381 Park Avenue South, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was listedthereon.

NY T-11 advised on June 15, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated on that date that he was the Assistant Editor of International Publishers and that he had been employed there about one year on a salary of $100.00 per week.

A characterization of International Publishers may be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

NY T-11 advised on June 15,1961, that on that date WILLIAM ALBERTSON requested that the gas and electricity be turned off in his old apartment, Apartment 12A, 520 West 110th Street, New York City, and turned on in his new apartment, 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, ground floor rear.

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the CP

NY T-14 advised on May 10, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CP,USA National Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City on that date. It was indicated at this meeting that WILLIAM ALBERTSON might head up the CP Publishing Committee.

NY T-12 advised on July 26, 1961, that JAMES TORMEY has been removed from his position as Kings County CP Organizer and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON will temporarily become Kings County CP Organizer

NY T-13 advised on July 26, 1961, that JAMES TORMEY as of that date is the new coordinator of "Defense Work" for the CP,USA.

Attendance at National CP Meetings

NY T-15 advised on May 27 and 28, 1961, that a meeting of the enlarged NEC, CP,USA and invited guests was held in New York City on that date. Informant stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and during the discussion on youth activities he stated that he did not think the youth clubs or youth cadres "where we have them at the present" can substitute for Party clubs or the Party. He said that the CP needs some kind of document to raise standard of understanding of the youth question in the Party.

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Attendance at New York State CP Committee, Staff and Board Meetings

NY T-16 advised on April 27, 1961, that a meeting of the New York District CP Board was held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. The agenda of this meeting included a discussion on political action and during this discussion WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present, stated that the only task the Party has is to do all it can to get a coalition between labor, Negro and the insurgent movements.

NY T-17 advised on May 2, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a staff meeting of the New York District CP held that date at CP Headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON gave a report on the Advance convention and the thinking of the youth commission in connection with the convention. He stated that the youth commission has been concerning itself almost exclusively with Advance during the past couple of months in order to prepare for the convention.

A characterization of Advance may be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

NY T-16 advised on May 25, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City on that date.

NY T-18 advised on June 22, 1961, that a meeting of the New York District Board of the CP and invited guests was held in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City on that date. Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON on June 22, 1961, in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, during the time the above described meeting was in session.

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NY T 19 advised on June 24, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held that date in Room 11B, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering room 11B, Adelphi Hall, on June 24, 1961.

Activities in the Food Club, Food and Bakers Region CP

NY T-17 advised on June 6, 1961, that at a New York District CP Staff meeting held that date it was announced that at one time, there were three Food Clubs of the CP and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON consolidated the three clubs and has registered 21 people. It was also stated at this meeting that this Food Club consolidated is doing excellent work for "The Worker".

Miscellaneous CP Activity

NY T-20 advised on June 7, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated on that date that at one time unemployment benefits payments had been stopped because of his Communist affiliations.

Part III

Status of Health

NY T-21 advised on May 19, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON made an appointment on that date to go to the hospital to have a cyst removed. The informant stated that ALBERTSON will enter the hospital on or about June 14 or 15, 1961.

NY T-21 advised on June 14, 1961, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated on that date that he was going to enter Manhattan General Hospital at 2:30 p.m. on that date.

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Passport Data

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C. as reviewed by SA [redacted] on July 18, 1961, show that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 520 West 110th Street, New York, New York, was issued Passport Number B3[illegible]866 on June 2, 1961, based on an application dated May 4, 1961, at New York. ALBERTSON indicated on his application that he intended to depart from New York in July, 1961, by air for a one month tourist trip to England, France and the Soviet Union.

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth

A confidential source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance was organized at a founding convention held in New York City on February 13-14, 1960.

A second confidential source advised on March 2, 1960, that the Declaration of Principles adopted at the founding convention of Advance included the following pertinent points: a stand for peace and total disarmament; equal rights; anti-discrimination; struggles against forces of opposition to the Bill of Rights; an organized approach to Marxist theory; inform prospective applicants of the group's Declaration of Principles. This source stated that the Declaration of Principles was believed by the Communist Party (CP), USA Secretariat to be essentially the line of the National CP leadership.

A third confidential source advised on April 4, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission held on April 3, 1961, a slate of officers to be presented at the Advance Convention scheduled for April 8-9, 1961, was discussed. It was pointed out that the CP desired all Party members to support this slate which included MIKE STEIN, President; ROCHELLE HIRSHMAN, for First Vice President; and MARVIN MARKMAN as Second Vice President.

A third confidential source advised on April 10, 1961, that at the Advance Convention held on April 9, 1961, MIKE STEIN was elected President, ROCHELLE HIRSHMAN as Organizational Vice President, and MARVIN MARKMAN as Executive Vice President.

The third confidential source advised on February 7, 1961, that MIKE STEIN was appointed Secretary of the New York District CP Youth Commission at a meeting of the Youth Commission held on February 6, 1961.

A fourth confidential source advised on March 14, 1961, that ROCHELLE HIRSHMAN was as of that date, on the payroll of the New York District CP.

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A fifth confidential source advised on February 2, 1961, that MARVIN MARKMAN was approved as a member of the New York District CP Youth Commission at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held on that date.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, dated April 16, 1961, page 2, column 2, sets forth the Advance Office as Room 636, 799 Broadway, New York City. This article also sets forth that Advance needs to develop a well balanced club life of social education and political activity.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained $3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about $1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times."

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

The SWP and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning International Publishers:

"International Publishers

"1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by Alexander Trachtenberg. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"2. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Reports, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)

"3. 'Official American Communist Party publishing house.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of Government by force and violence, May 11, 1948, p. 80)"

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THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, a source advised that BETTY GANNETT announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA) New York District, (NYD) Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies (PSMS) was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, NYD.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist weekly, in its issue of December 11, 1960, identified BETTY GANNETT as a full-time member of the New York State CP Staff in the capacity of Organizational and Educational Director.

"The Worker" of September 18, 1960, included an announcement regarding the PSMS, Room 1922, 853 Broadway, New York, New York, reflecting that the Fall Term would extend from October 17, 1960, through November 23, 1960, and that the SCOPE (Youth) Classes would extend from October 7, 1960, through November 11, 1960.

"The Worker" of October 16, 1960, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and SCOPE (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York. The Spring Term, 1961, catalogue reflects Dr. HERBERT APTHEKER as the Director of the School.

Another source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA held December 10 - 13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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The second confidential source in the characterization of the New York School for Marxist Studies was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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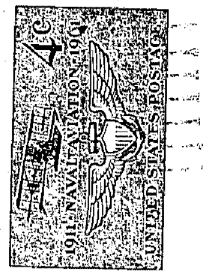
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I respectfully urge you direct your Attorney General to agree to a rehearing or declare this law unenforceable.

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The SA of the FBI who observed ALBERTSON entering Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, NYC, on 8/24/61, was ROBERT S. MUGAVIN.

The SAS of the FBI who observed ALBERTSON entering Room 11B, Adelphi Hall on 8/26/61, were JOHN F. LANGTRY and WILLIAM C. MARTIN.

The SA of the FBI who observed ALBERTSON entering Room 11K, Adelphi Hall on 8/2/61, was RICHARD V. BOLAN.

ALBERTSON was observed entering CP Headquarters at 23 West 26th Street, NYC, on the following dates by the Agents indicated:

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
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Synopsis: ALBERTSON resides 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed at International Publishers, 381 Park Avenue South, New York City. Informants advised ALBERTSON is Chairman of Administrative Committee running Kings County CP; to work in Manhattan CP as representative of New York District CP Board; is a full-time staff member, New York District CP; a member of a five member New York State CP Secretariat; attended NEC meeting on 8/12-13/61; attended New York District CP Committee, Board and Staff meetings; attended Food Club, Food and Bakers Region of CP Council and membership meetings; attended Kings County CP Council meetings; attended New York District CP Youth Commission meetings; attended a rally sponsored by Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties on 7/27/61; listed as instructor in 1961-1962 Bulletin of the New York School for Marxist Studies and SCOPE. ALBERTSON observed entering CP Headquarters on various dates between 7/21 and 10/27/61.

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DETAILS:

Part I

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the Communist Party (CP)

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated on July 28, 1961, that a committee had been set up in Brooklyn and that BILL ALBERTSON will work with them. (C) (U) Dec 196-4011 Claimed exc (A) (7) (D)

(NY T-1, August 4, 1961)

"The Worker" March 19, 1961, Page 1, indicates that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN had been elected National Chairman of the CP, USA by action of its National Committee.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on August 7, 1961, it was announced that the Kings County CP would be run by an Administrative Committee and that BILL ALBERTSON would be Chairman of this committee. During this meeting, ALBERTSON urged all CP members to work together to bring the Liberal Party and the insurgent democratic groups together behind the Brotherhood Party, in the hope of making the Brotherhood Party a strong third political party.

(NY T-2, August 9, 1961)

NY T-3 furnished substantially the same information as above on August 14, 1961.

At a meeting of the Kings County CP 6th AD Club held in Brooklyn, New York, on August 8, 1961, WILLIAM

ALBERTSON was named as the temporary organizer of the Kings County CP.

(NY T-4, August 14, 1961)

On August 10, 1961, the newly formed Administrative Committee of the Kings County CP met in Brooklyn, New York. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present and it was announced that ALBERTSON, who was to be the committee co-ordinator, had not yet been released from his other Party assignments.

(NY T-3, August 14, 1961)

At an outing held in Hopewell Junction, New York, on August 20, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was named as a person who was on a new Industrial Committee formed by the New York District of the CP.

(NY T-5, August 23, 1961)

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 30, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON spoke on the difficulties, struggles and problems in connection with the fight of the CP for legal existence, in view of the Mc Carran Act. It was announced at this meeting that ALBERTSON had been transferred to Manhattan and would be relieved of his duties as co-ordinator of Communist work in Brooklyn.

(NY T-6, November 3, 1961)

Attendance at National CP Meeting

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present as an invited guest at an enlarged meeting of the CP, USA National Executive Committee (NEC) held at the Great Northern Hotel, New York City, on August 12 and 13, 1961. (C) (U) Rec'd 100-4011 Claimed as (B)(7)(D)

(NY T-1, August 12-13, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as above on the dates indicated:

NY T-3, August 14, 1961
NY T-7, August 17, 1961
NY T-8, August 14 and 16, 1961
NY T-4, August 14, 1961

Attendance at the New York District CP Committee and Board Meetings

Committee Meetings

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at an enlarged State Committee of the CP meeting held on July 15, 1961, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This meeting was called to discuss the decisions of the NEC of the CP regarding the situations and problems arising from the Supreme Court decision and the actions taken by the Manhattan County Executive Committee of the CP.

(NY T-9, July 24, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on the dates indicated:

NY T-10, July 16, 1961
NY T-11, July 19, 1961
NY T-4, July 17, 1961

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at an enlarged meeting of the New York State CP Committee held at Adelphi Hall, New York City on August 26, 1961. At this meeting a report was given on the National Committee, CP, USA decision regarding factionalism in the New York State CP. ALBERTSON supported the National Committee's decisions.

(NY T-10, September 6, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on the dates indicated:

NY T-4, August 29, 1961
NY T-12, August 28, 1961
NY T-3, August 28, 1961
NY T-13, August 28, 1961
NY T-11, September 1, 1961
NY T-14, September 7, 1961

Board Meetings

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held in New York City on July 13, 1961. At this meeting GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA gave a report on factionalism in the New York District CP and the attempt of a few comrades to destroy the Party.

(NY T-4, July 17, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board, which met with the Harlem CP Region on August 3, 1961.

(NY T-11, August 11, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on the dates indicated:

NY T-14, August 4, 1961
NY T-15, August 4, 1961

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CP, USA New York District Board held in Room 8K, Adelphi Hall on August 24, 1961.

(NY T-4, August 29, 1961)

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Attendance at Meetings of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the membership of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region held at 123 West 49th Street, New York City, on July 18, 1961.

(NY T-16, July 26, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a party sponsored by the CP Food Club held at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on July 24, 1961.

(NY T-17, August 7, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a staff meeting of the CP Food Club held at 182 West 4th Street, New York City, on July 25, 1961. ALBERTSON discussed the party held by the club on July 24, 1961. He stated that 29 persons attended the party and a total of $85.00 was collected over and above expenses.

(NY T-16, July 26, 1961)

At a membership meeting of the CP Food Club held in New York City, on August 1, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON announced that the $85.00 raised at the party sponsored by the Food Club will be turned over to the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties. A total of $125.00 will be given, with the remainder coming from the club treasury. ALBERTSON stated that the club's total pledge to this committee is $500.00.

(NY T-16, August 10, 1961)

A characterization of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties may be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

At a membership meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region held in New York City on August 15, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON discussed elections held in unions and community organizations. He pointed out that those persons, who are sought out for office in these organizations are people who will work and all that is necessary to become a leader is to report to the meetings and volunteer to work, regardless of the nature of the assignment. This will bring the person to the attention of the guiding forces, who will in turn seek out the worker for the candidacy.

(NY T-16, August 18, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Food Club Staff, Food and Bakers CP Region held in New York City on August 22, 1961.

(NY T-16, August 23, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region held in New York City on September 12, 1961. ALBERTSON was the speaker and gave a report on the Berlin situation, in which he blamed the United States for the heightened tension. He said that the Party supports KHRUSHCHEV's stand, that the United States is making a mistake arming the West Berliners. It is the United States who is threatening world peace by rebuilding Fascism and Nazism.

(NY T-16, September 12, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a membership meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region held in New York City, on September 26, 1961.

(NY T-16, September 27, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region held in New York City, on October 10, 1961, and gave a report on the Supreme Court

ruling in the Mc Carran Act. ALBERTSON then called for a formal vote by the membership on the dissolution of the club, in light of the Supreme Court's refusal to grant a rehearing of its decision regarding registration of the CP and its members. ALBERTSON stated he was in favor of the proposal, because it would make the Government's job of proving membership more difficult. He stated that if there is no organization there can be no membership.

(NY T-16, October 10, 1961)

Activities in Connection with the Kings County CP

At a meeting of the 17th District Club of the Kings County CP held in Brooklyn, New York, on August 8, 1961, it was announced that a committee has been set up in Brooklyn to work with the Brooklyn clubs. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was named as a member of this committee.

(NY T-18, August 10, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Political Action Group of the Kings County CP held in Brooklyn, New York on August 8, 1961. A discussion was held on the Administrative Committee, of which ALBERTSON is Chairman, that will run the Kings County CP during the next few months.

(NY T-2, August 9, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on August 21, 1961. ALBERTSON spoke and urged increased activity on behalf of "The Worker" and recommended that every club have Executive Committee meetings to help stimulate sustaining fund drives.

(NY T-6, August 24, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on the dates indicated:

NY T-2, August 23, 1961
NY T-3, August 28, 1961
NY T-12, August 22, 1961

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on September 6, 1961.

(NY T-2, September 11, 1961)

NY T-6 on September 7, 1961, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the 6th AD Club, Kings County CP held in Brooklyn, New York, on September 11, 1961. At this meeting ALBERTSON made a short report on the Berlin crisis.

(NY T-3, September 22, 1961)

NY T-4 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on September 12, 1961.

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Administrative Committee held in Brooklyn, New York on September 13, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON discussed the Brotherhood Party and indicated that inasmuch as real activity was about to begin, Party people should become involved in the Brotherhood Party as quickly as possible.

(NY T-3, September 22, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Kings County CP Administrative Committee held in Brooklyn,

New York, on September 26, 1961. At this meeting ALBERTSON discussed the Brotherhood Party and stated that the State leadership of the CP wants people in the CP to participate in Brotherhood Party activity.

(NY T-3, September 29, 1961)

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 2, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON announced that CP members were to join and support the Brotherhood Party.

(NY T-2, October 3, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on the dates indicated:

NY T-6, October 5, 1961
NY T-12, October 3, 1961

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 16, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON led a discussion on the Smith Act and the Mc Carran Act. ALBERTSON stated at this meeting that the CP would not surrender the names of its members or any other records.

(NY T-6, October 19, 1961)

Activities in the Youth Field

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission held in New York City, On September 21, 1961.

(NY T-6, September 28, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the CP leaders to visit a National Conference of CP young people held in New York City, on September 22, 1961. ALBERTSON's talk

at the conference was on the subject of the youth program and methods of obtaining their objectives.

(NY T-8, September 27, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission held in New York City, on October 9, 1961. The agenda of this meeting included a proposed youth caucus at a future date and the reorganization of youth clubs.

(NY T-6, October 24, 1961)

Attendance at Other CP Meetings

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a "Worker" Readers Conference held in New York City, on August 9, 1961, which was a closed meeting of CP representatives from all the CP clubs in New York City.

(NY T-14, August 16, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on the dates indicated:

NY T-9, August 17, 1961
NY T-19, August 17, 1961
NY T-2, August 14, 1961
NY T-6, August 10, 1961

CP Front Activity

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a rally of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties held at the Riviera Terrace, 1688 Broadway, New York City, on July 27, 1961. The purpose of this rally was to inform the people of the unconstitutionality of the Mc Carran-

Smith Acts and of the Supreme Court decisions upholding these laws, which affects the future of the CP.

(NY T-17, August 7, 1961)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on the dates indicated:

NY T-5, August 11, 1961
NY T-6, August 2, 1961

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a conference held on September 23-24, 1961, at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, sponsored by the National Assembly for Democratic Rights. The main purpose of this conference was to bring together people from all over the United States to protest the recent Supreme Court decisions which uphold the Smith and Internal Security Acts.

(NY T-16, September 25, 1961)

NY T-20 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on October 5, 1961.

A characterization of the National Assembly for Democratic Rights can be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is listed in the 1961-1962 Bulletin of the New York School for Marxist Studies as the instructor of the course "Marxist Thought and Organization - Spring Term", under the General Studies courses, and as an instructor of a course "The American Youth Movement", under the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) classes.

(NY T-21, September 28, 1961)

Characterizations of the New York School for Marxist Studies and SCOPE can be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a social party sponsored by the New York Progressive Youth Organization, Advance, held at the new youth center, 82 Second Avenue, New York City, on July 20, 1961.

(NY T-4, July 21, 1961)

NY T-22 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on July 24, 1961

A characterization of Advance can be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

By letter dated October 6, 1961, Mr. J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., furnished a number of postal cards addressed to President JOHN F. KENNEDY, the White House, Washington, D.C. One of these postal cards, which were distributed by the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties, was signed by WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

Miscellaneous CP Activity

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present on September 7, 1961, at a reception honoring HENRY WINSTON held at the Theresa Hotel, New York City.

(NY T-3, September 8, 1961)

NY T-4 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on September 12, 1961.

HENRY WINSTON was elected a member of the CP, USA National Committee, National Executive Committee (NEC), the Resident Board and was made Vice President of the CP, USA at an NEC meeting held August 12 - 13, 1961.

(NY T-8, August 14, 1961)

"The Worker" October 10, 1961, Page 6, column 3, contained an announcement that a Coney Island party in honor of BILL ALBERTSON was to be held on Saturday, October 14, 1961, at 3109 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The announcement stated that the party is to include supper and entertainment, and that the party was to be sponsored by the Coney Island Committee to Welcome BILL ALBERTSON.

A dinner party was held for BILL ALBERTSON at 3109 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on October 14, 1961. ALBERTSON stated at this party that he will not be able to help with activities in the neighborhood as much as he would like. He stated that everyone's spare time will be spent trying to have the Mc Carran-Smith Acts stricken from the law.

(NY T-5, October 18, 1961)

NY T-7 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on October 18, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on a visit to Buffalo, New York, on October 23, 24, 1961, and during this time met with the Buffalo leadership of the CP. The discussions which took place centered around the intra-Party situation in Buffalo. ALBERTSON stated that the Buffalo organization had no right to issue any statements regarding the CP

not complying with the registration provisions of the Mc Carran Act, inasmuch as all specific statements regarding this Act were to come from the National Committee of the CP, USA.

(NY T-23, October 25, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) entering CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on various dates between July 21, 1961 and October 27, 1961.

Part II

Residence

WILLIAM ALBERTSON presently resides at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

(NY T-30, October 29, 1961)

Employment

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is presently employed at International Publishers, 381 Park Avenue South, New York City, and he has stated that he "would not be there much longer".

(NY T-29, October 13, 1961)

A characterization of International Publishers can be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

Information Concerning Leadership Positions in the CP

At a meeting of the New York District CP Staff held in CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City,

On July 25, 1961, a proposal was agreed upon that an Administrative Committee be set up in Brooklyn, and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON will head this committee for two or three months to work on Brooklyn affairs.

(NY T-24, September 25, 1961)

At an informal meeting held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on August 1, 1961, a discussion was held on the leadership of the Kings County CP. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present at this meeting, stated that he is "just to guide the Administrative Council, and that's all I agreed to". BETTY GANNETT stated that ALBERTSON still has the Youth Commission.

(NY T-24, August 1, 1961)

"The Worker" September 24, 1961, Page 11, Column 5, refers to BETTY GANNETT as the Educational and Organizational Director of the New York State CP.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is to become a member of the New York State CP Secretariat.

(NY T-24, September 15, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on October 26, 1961. At this meeting the New York District CP Staff proposed in regard to ALBERTSON's status in the Party:

1. That he go into Manhattan as a representative of the Board.

2. That he become a full-time staff member with assignments according to the division of work which they will make.

3. That ALBERTSON be the fifth member of the State Secretariat.

These proposals were accepted by the Board and in addition it was proposed that ALBERTSON become Chairman of the Political Action Commission. However, this proposal was dropped prior to the vote. During the discussion prior to the vote on the above proposals, one member of the Board opposed the elevation of ALBERTSON to any position in the State at this time. He stated that it was not enough that ALBERTSON is 100 per cent for the line of the Party, but that he must also have a background of activity, which justifies his elevation to the leadership and that he must be accepted by the membership and section leadership. Several members of the Board spoke in ALBERTSON's behalf and stated that ALBERTSON understands the Party line, knows how to carry it out and has a tremendous amount of experience to bring to the work in Manhattan. They stated that ALBERTSON would make a tremendous contribution to the development of the Party.

(NY T-25, October 26, 1961)

A meeting of the New York District CP Staff was held on October 26, 1961, at CP Headquarters, New York City. During this meeting WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present, stated that he should be given the Industrial Division, instead of Manhattan, because he did not have a single friend in the Harlem leadership. ALBERTSON was told that his objections to Manhattan would be considered; however, the Secretariat would ask ALBERTSON to consider the Manhattan proposal. After considerable discussion on ALBERTSON's work in Manhattan, ALBERTSON stated that he would give the Secretariat a proposition:

He would take Brooklyn and industry and handle them both. ALBERTSON also stated that at the last Industrial Council meeting he was appointed to the Trade Union

Commission, but that the Secretariat has not yet approved the appointment. Members of the staff, who were present, told ALBERTSON that his proposition would be studied.

(NY T-24, October 26, 1961)

An announcement was made at CP Headquarters on October 30, 1961, that BILL ALBERTSON has been taken out of leadership in the Brooklyn area.

(NY T-24, October 30, 1961)

Attendance at New York State CP Committee, Board and Staff Meetings

A meeting of the New York District CP Board was held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on July 13, 1961. At this meeting a report was given by GUS HALL, wherein HALL asked the comrades in New York to join with the National Board in unitedly rebuffing and putting an end to an internal serious challenge to the Party and an internal serious attempt to destroy the Party. WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended this meeting and during the discussion period following HALL's report, stated that the struggle is whether "you" support the National leadership or go out and mobilize against it. He stated that this report of the National Board is going to be carried to the membership and will be carried out.

(NY T-25, July 13, 1961)

A meeting of the New York District CP Board was held on August 24, 1961, in Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

(NY T-26, August 24, 1961)

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering Room 8K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at 6:16 p.m. on August 24, 1961.

At a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held in Room 11B, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on August 26, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present spoke in favor of some resolutions and proposals made at the meeting. He told the comrades present that even though they disagree with the resolutions and proposals, to go to their councils and clubs and fight for the decision which was made.

(NY T-27, August 26, 1961)

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering Room 11B, Adelphi Hall between the hours of 10:20 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on August 26, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on October 12, 1961.

(NY T-25, October 12, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on October 25, 1961. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the CP organization in the Buffalo area.

(NY T-24, October 25, 1961)

At a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on October 26, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the Party operations in the Buffalo area, and whether the removal of the leadership there and the installation of the committee, which Buffalo calls the Secretariat, had taken place and whether or not it was functioning.

(NY T-25, October 26, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on October 31, 1961.

(NY T-24, October 31, 1961)

Attendance at Industrial Division CP Meetings

A meeting of the Industrial Council, Industrial Division, CP, USA, New York District, was held in Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on August 2, 1961, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

(NY T-28, August 2, 1961)

A Special Agent of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City at 5:38 p.m. on August 2, 1961.

APPENDIX

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth

A confidential source advised on February 18, 1960, that Advance was organized at a founding convention held in New York City on February 13-14, 1960.

A second confidential source advised on March 2, 1960, that the Declaration of Principles adopted at the founding convention of Advance included the following pertinent points: a stand for peace and total disarmament; equal rights; anti-discrimination; struggles against forces of opposition to the Bill of Rights; an organized approach to Marxist theory; inform prospective applicants of the group's Declaration of Principles. This source stated that the Declaration of Principles was believed by the Communist Party (CP), USA Secretariat to be essentially the line of the National CP leadership.

A third confidential source advised on April 4, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission held on April 3, 1961, a slate of officers to be presented at the Advance Convention scheduled for April 8-9, 1961, was discussed. It was pointed out that the CP desired all Party members to support this slate which included MIKE STEIN, President; ROCHELLE HIRSHMAN, for First Vice President; and MARVIN MARKMAN as Second Vice President.

A third confidential source advised on April 10, 1961, that at the Advance Convention held on April 9, 1961, MIKE STEIN was elected President, ROCHELLE HIRSHMAN as Organizational Vice President, and MARVIN MARKMAN as Executive Vice President.

The third confidential source advised on February 7, 1961, that MIKE STEIN was appointed Secretary of the New York District CP Youth Commission at a meeting of the Youth Commission held on February 6, 1961.

A fourth confidential source advised on March 14, 1961, that ROCHELLE HIRSHMAN was as of that date, on the payroll of the New York District CP.

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ADVANCE, An Organization of Progressive Youth (Cont'd)

A fifth confidential source advised on February 2, 1961, that MARVIN MARKMAN was approved as a member of the New York District CP Youth Commission at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held on that date.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, dated April 16, 1961, page 2, column 2, sets forth the Advance Office as Room 636, 799 Broadway, New York City. This article also sets forth that Advance needs to develop a well balanced club life of social education and political activity.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

A source advised on June 11, 1961, that a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), was held on June 10, 1961, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. According to the source, the main topic of discussion at this meeting was the CP's plans in regard to combating the June 5, 1961 decision of the United States Supreme Court, requiring the CP to register with the Attorney General of the United States, as a Communist action organization, pursuant to the provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, and the court's decision of the same date, upholding the April 21, 1955 conviction of JUNIUS SCALES under the Smith Act provision, covering membership in the CP.

This source further advised that during this discussion, a special CP defense committee was formed and it was decided that this committee would have an office, which would be managed by MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER, who, according to the source, is a member of the CPUSA National Committee.

Another source advised on June 14, 1961, that at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests held on that date at CP Headquarters, NYC, it was announced that the CP defense committee would have an office at 22 East 17th Street, New York, New York, under the name of the Citizens Committee For Constitutional Liberties (CCFCL).

A third source advisedoon July 20, 1961, that at a meeting of the CP defense committee held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City, the purpose and scope of the CCFCL was discussed.

It was stated that this committee has been set up to serve as a national coordinator and service center for every effort being made by whatever source to repeal the McCarran and Smith Acts. In addition, it has been set up to reverse the Supreme Court's decision of June 5, 1961, to secure an

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (Cont'd)

indefinite stay of any enforcement of the law by the Department of Justice. It is to engage in generating a popular defense movement to mobilize legal assistance of any organization or individual whose "democratic rights are infringed upon by these laws." This committee wants to encourage the creation of local organizations or groups to work in support of any one of the above-stated objectives.

The committee will also serve as an exchange center of material and provide speakers for any local organization.

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning International Publishers:

"International Publishers

"1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by Alexander Trachtenberg. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"2. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Reports, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)

"3. 'Official American Communist Party publishing house.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of Government by force and violence, May 11, 1948, p. 80)"

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR
DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

A source advised on August 23, 1961, that an enlarged meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), National Executive Committee (NEC) was held in New York City on June 10-11, 1961, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

According to the source, the main topic of discussion at this meeting was the CP's plans in regard to combating the June 5, 1961, decision of the United States Supreme Court requiring the CP to register with the Attorney General of the United States, as a Communist-action organization, pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the court's decision of the same date, upholding the April 21, 1955, conviction of JUNIUS SCALES under the Smith Act provision covering membership in the CP.

This source further advised that JACK STACHEL, a member of the National Committee (NC), CPUSA, addressed this meeting and spoke on the need of bringing into being a national defense conference on behalf of the CPUSA. STACHEL then listed a number of individuals, indicating that they were characteristic of a national body of liberals and progressives, who should be approached and convinced to take the leadership in organizing such a national conference.

The source further stated that as a result of this meeting and other meetings of CP functionaries, the National Assembly For Democratic Rights (NADR) was organized. According to the source, this group has issued a call to action in defense of the Constitution of the United States and the preservation of the Bill of Rights and has scheduled an assembly to be held at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on September 23-24, 1961.

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DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS (CONT'D)

The source further advised that a leaflet issued by the NADR announcing this assembly contains a partial list of sponsors of the NADR. Included in this list of individuals are the same individuals mentioned by STACHEL as persons to be contacted in the organizing of such an assembly.

According to the source, the offices of the NADR are located at 118 East 28th Street, Room 703, New York City. JOSEPH BRANDT, who the CP has placed in charge of the dissemination of literature of the NADR, is employed at this office.

Another source on January 31, 1961, identified JOSEPH BRANDT as a member of Club #2 of the Upper West Side CP Section, New York District CP.

A third source made available on August 24, 1961, a leaflet captioned "What is the National Assembly for Democratic Rights." This leaflet which states that it was published by the NADR, 118 East 28th Street, New York, New York, reads as follows:

"The National Assembly For Democratic Rights is a single-action undertaking. It is confined to bringing together in New York City, on September 23-24, an all-inclusive gathering -- from all parts of the United States -- of representatives and supporters of every plea for reversal or non-application of the June 5th decisions of the Supreme Court on the Smith and McCarran Acts. Its object is to rally public opinion and give organized voice to the defense of Constitutional freedoms, especially guaranteed by the First and Fifth Amendments, endangered by these five to four rulings of the Court.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR
DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS (CONT'D)

"The National Assembly is being initiated and organized by a number of citizens, each acting as individuals, concerned with the preservation of democratic rights. Sponsorship of this gathering implies no more than agreement with any essential aspect of the dissenting opinions of Chief Justice WARREN or of Justice BLACK, DOUGLAS or BRENNAN on the membership clause of the Smith Act and the registration provisions of the McCarran Act.

"Full and equal participation in the Assembly is open to all who are at least in such minimum agreement in order to register, in concert, the desire of those for whom they may speak, that all branches of the Government should withhold application of these repressive measures by whatever means are within their power. No further commitment is required as a condition for participation, nor is it to be implied by virtue of taking part in this gathering. Neither is it intended that the Assembly shall entertain any resolutions or decisions bearing upon controversy or differences among its constituent about any other matter.

"The National Assembly for Democratic Rights is not a permanent or continuing organization. Rather than enrolling a membership of its own, it will count upon revitalized activity by all groups devoted to constitutional liberties, and upon greater unity of effort amongst them, to carry forward the necessary work in defense of democratic rights.

"After adjournment of the National Assembly, its sponsors may choose to intensify their efforts -- each in his own way -- through existing permanent organizations, to achieve the purposes for which we shall have met, hopeful that our gathering may have awakened the conscience of our country and helped rouse it to save its democratic heritage and future."

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE)

A confidential source advised on June 16, 1958, that SCOPE was formed in early 1958, by a group of individuals who were believed to be by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second confidential source made available on April 1, 1958, a brochure put out by SCOPE which sets forth that the members of SCOPE believed that youth ought to know and so they are trying in a modest way to provide conditions in which youth can broaden their knowledge and improve their understanding of this "changing, perplexing and exciting age." According to this brochure, to accomplish this, SCOPE is conducting classes for youth taught by Marxist instructors.

A third confidential source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party (CP), USA, held that day, in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, stated that in New York there is a group of about twenty-one youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a Student Committee on Progressive Education, which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. They have made a national tour of the Party using "real cloak and dagger" operation methods as far as the Party apparatus is concerned, making intelligent contacts and organized, unbeknown the Party, a cadre that would bring into being and revive a Marxist organization. THOMPSON stated that approximately eight or ten of this group are CP members.

A fourth confidential source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA; held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUMER, CP, USA, Educational Director, stated that in New York most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York which are either Party groups or pro-Party groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education) and this group stands closest to the CP leadership.

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A fifth confidential source made available on March 23, 1961, a mimeographed letter signed by "The Scope Committee." This letter sets forth that last fall SCOPE became a part of the newly formed New York School for Marxist Studies as its autonomous youth division.

The building directory in the lobby of 853 Broadway, New York City, lists the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) in Room 1922.

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THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES,
FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL
FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, a source advised that BETTY GANNETT announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA) New York District, (NYD) Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies (PSMS) was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, NYD.

"The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, in its issue of December 11, 1960, identified BETTY GANNETT as a full-time member of the New York State CP Staff in the capacity of Organizational and Educational Director.

"The Worker" of September 18, 1960, included an announcement regarding the PSMS, Room 1922, 853 Broadway, New York, New York, reflecting that the Fall Term would extend from October 17, 1960, through November 23, 1960, and that the SCOPE (Youth) Classes would extend from October 7, 1960, through November 11, 1960.

"The Worker" of October 16, 1960, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and SCOPE (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York. The Spring Term, 1961, catalogue reflects Dr. HERBERT APTHEKER as the Director of the School.

Another source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA held December 10 - 13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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The second confidential source in the characterization of the New York School for Marxist Studies was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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NY T-2 [redacted]	
NY T-3 [redacted]	
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NY T-5 [redacted]	

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Background and Availability of Informants

[redacted]

19 This informant is the organizer of the Youth Club, Kings County CP (KCCP) and a member of the Kings County (U) CP Council. (C) (U) (C)

Informant, when questioned concerning his willingness to testify on 5/23/56 and 6/24/60, stated he was not desirous of testifying in open court or before Administrative Hearing Boards if such could be avoided. On 12/1/61, informant reiterated that he is not desirous of testifying if such can be avoided.

It is recommended that this informant's confidential status with the Bureau be maintained and he not be made available for the purpose of testifying.

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This informant is a 57 year old Negro male and currently a member of the Communist Party in the Industrial Division of the New York District. He has been furnishing information on the CP Food and Bakers Region in New York City for an extended period. This informant is of unusual value because the informant is the only source in a position to obtain (U) information in this region. (C)

In addition, [redacted] is a member of the CP caucus group operating under Party instructions in the Negro American Labor Council (NALC), The NALC is an organization of trade union members who are seeking to end discrimination in unions. The New York State CP has indicated, through WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, a New York District CP functionary, that they consider the NALC as an important organization and their instructions to the CP caucus group indicate their desire to influence the policies and (U) programs of the NALC. (C)

To lose the coverage provided by [redacted] would be detrimental to the continuing investigation of security matters in the New York area.

[redacted] has advised he does not desire to testify or to have his identity otherwise revealed.

It is recommended that this informant's confidential status with the Bureau be maintained and he not be made available for the purpose of testifying.

[redacted]

This informant is a 43 year old Negro male. He is club organizer of the KCCP Peace Club, a member of the KCCP Council and attends meetings of the Teamsters Club CP as an invited (U) guest. (C)

It is recommended that this informant's confidential status with the Bureau be maintained and he not be made available for the purpose of testifying.

[redacted]

This informant, a Negro female, is presently the organizer of the William Z. Foster, KCCP Club and a member of Region #1 of the KCCP Council. She is the only informant who

furnishes information on the activities of the William Z. Foster Club and the Boro Hall Club of the KCCP. By reason of her unique position she is invaluable to the NYO. (C)

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It is recommended that this informant's confidential status with the Bureau be maintained and she not be made available for the purpose of testifying.

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This informant is presently the organizational secretary of the Kings County Communist Party (CP) and in effect provides the only active leadership in the Kings County CP. He is the only active informant in a position to furnish policy level information regarding the Kings County CP and by reason of his unique position he is invaluable to the NYO. He is a member of the NY State CP Committee, the NY State Negro Commission, the NY State CP Organizational Commission and the CP, USA National Negro Commission. (C)

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The informant has been recently advised by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN that he will soon undertake a new Party position at the National level and he has been advised by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON that he is to be added to the Party's National Committee. During November, 1961, informant has been advised by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON that after the anticipated arrest of the Party leaders under the McCarran Act, the informant is to be prepared to undertake a substantial and highly placed leadership assignment. (C)

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It is recommended that this informant's confidential status with the Bureau be maintained and he not be made available for the purpose of testifying.

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EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY TO
VIOLATE REGISTRATION PROVISIONS
OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

At a meeting of the New York District Communist Party (CP) Youth Commission held on June 5, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON read a letter from GUS HALL, General Secretary, CP, USA, which pointed out that for CP members to register was against their constitutional rights and that the CP would appeal the decision of the Supreme Court within the next 90 days.

Witness to testify:
NY T-1
(June 9, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, at a meeting of the Food Club, Food and Bakers CP Region, held in New York City, on October 10, 1961, gave a report on the supreme Court ruling on the McCarran Act. ALBERTSON called for a formal vote of the membership on the dissolution of the Food Club in light of the Supreme Court's refusal to grant a rehearing of its decision regarding registration of the CP and its members. ALBERTSON stated he was in favor of the proposal because it would make the government's job of proving membership more difficult. He stated that if there is no organization there can be no membership. The vote on this proposal was unanimous in favor of dissolution of the group. ALBERTSON then proposed setting up a new organization to work in the unions with all the old members of the Food Club becoming members of the new club. This new club would include non-Party people in the Culinary Industry, as well as the old Party people from the now dissolved Food Club. This new club, when it is set up, would probably be called the "non-Communist Culinary Workers Club".

Witness to testify:
NY T-2
(October 10, 1961)

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 16, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated that the CP intended to fight against the enforcement of these acts despite the decision of the Supreme Court in refusing to rehear on its June 5, 1961 decision. ALBERTSON stated that the CP would not surrender the names of its members or any other records.

Witness to testify:
NY T-1
(October 19, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON at a meeting of the KCCP Council held in Brooklyn, New York on October 30, 1961, spoke on the McCarran Act and its effect on the Party, which he said is now entering into a new phase of its legal existence. He said it appears that President KENNEDY is moving toward the right and it is the "ultra-right" and the government which are trying to isolate "our Party" from the people's movement. ALBERTSON stated that he did not expect any mass assault on the Party unless the international situation worsens. He said that if members are notified to register by the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) they should mail back the form unanswered and enclose a note to the effect that the person is not registering and is "taking the Fifth Amendment". ALBERTSON stated that even if the McCarran Act is enforced, it will take years to settle the matter. He said that the SACB can not penalize and that if individuals refuse to register, only the courts can take action.

Witness to testify:
NY T-3
(October 31, 1961)

At a meeting of the KCCP Administrative Committee held in Brooklyn, New York on October 25, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON reported on the defense of the Party. He set out the dates for the registration by the Party, its leaders and its membership. He said that the SACB should send forms for registration to the members of the Party but that the Party lawyers had advised that the forms were to be returned unmarked, but with a separate

sheet of paper on which members should write that they refuse to execute the forms and claim privilege under the Fifth Amendment. ALBERTSON stated that the lawyers recommended that all committees be cut in half and that when arrest of officers were made, arrangements be made to transfer all duties to these officers so that only those who were under indictment would be officers of the Party. There are to be no officers at the county level and only chairman at the club level. He said all education, financial and membership directors are to be done away with. By November 15, 1961, all dues must be paid up after which no dues will be collected and only contributions will be taken in the manner of other political parties. Clubs will be reduced to 15 people or less, divided in groups of 5 for communication purposes. No records of money or membership are to be kept and members are to clean out their homes from cellar to attic of Party lists, records or the like. He stated that all address or telephone record books are to be destroyed and there will be no more open meetings held. He stated in conclusion that no club may send out literature and that security is to be tightened.

Witness to testify:
NY T-5
(October 30, 1961 and
November 3, 1961)

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held on October 30, 1961, in Brooklyn, New York, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present, stated that the CP intended to fight against the Mc Carran Act even though it was going to be a difficult period for the Party because of some new and serious problems and it would be a test of the leadership in the Party. He stated that if members of the Party receive letters from the SACB with forms for registering, they should notexecute them but rather send them back. He added that ultimately, the most that will happen to a member for non-compliance, would be a fine.

Witness to testify:
NY T-4
(October 31, 1961)

At a meeting of the Kings County CP Council held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 30, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON spoke on the difficulties, struggle and problems in connection with the fight of the CP for legal existence in view of the Mc Carran Act. He stated that the attack on the CP is designed to isolate the Party from the people and that Party clubs and their members can counter this by working together locally in mass organizations. He stated that harassment and arrest of CP members may be expected. He then reviewed the provisions of the Mc Carran Act in regard to registration and its prohibitions concerning the CP, its leadership and members. He advised all members not to execute registration forms that they might receive from the SACB but to send them back unanswered. He also advised all members to "take the Fifth Amendment" if called to testify or arrested.

Witness to testify:
NY T-1
(November 3, 1961)

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis: ALBERTSON resides 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, and is a full time paid functionary NY County CP. Informants advised ALBERTSON was Coordinator (Organizer) of the NY County CP; member of NY State CP Secretariat and member of the Political Action Committee; discussed the McCarran Act and its effect on the CP at various CP meetings; attended CP Youth Committee meetings and CP Youth Caucus; discussed current policies of NY County CP; attended NY County CP Committee meetings; attended a CP Caucus of the NALC on 11/25/61. ALBERTSON observed entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters on numerous occasions between 10/30/61 and 12/14/61.

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DETAILS:

PART I

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the Communist Party (CP)

At a meeting of the 11th AD Club, Harlem Region, CP, held on October 27, 1961, it was announced that the State Board of the New York State CP has selected BILL ALBERTSON as Organizer of Manhattan CP.

NY T-1
November 2, 1961.

At a meeting of the Greenwich Village CP Section Staff, held in New York City on November 1, 1961, it was stated that BILL ALBERTSON was being sent into New York County CP "as a hatchet man" and that he had been made a full time paid worker for the County.

NY T-2
November 8, 1961.

On November 4, 1961, it was stated that a change in leadership in Brooklyn is taking place as a result of BILL ALBERTSON returning to the New York leadership.

NY T-3
November 16, 1961.

WILLIAM PATTERSON reported on November 5, 1961, that there had been certain changes in the State leadership of the CP and that BILL ALBERTSON was in charge of political action and was also "boss" of Manhattan County.

NY T-4
November 6, 1961.

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WILLIAM PATTERSON stated on November 5, 1961, that he was Chairman of the New York State CP, and also charged with responsibility of Negro work.

NY T-4
November 6, 1961.

At a meeting of the Greenwich Village CP Section Committee, held on November 6, 1961, it was announced that a small committee had been set up to handle the "re-adjustment" of the New York County CP organization. This committee will consist of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who has been appointed New York County CP Organizer and will operate on a full time basis, and three other members who were former New York County CP leaders.

NY T-2
November 8, 1961.

At a meeting of the Greenwich Village CP Section Staff, held in New York City, on November 6, 1961, it was announced that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the Subcommittee in charge of New York County CP, and that he had been made a full-timer for the County - the new Organizer.

NY T-2
November 16, 1961.

At a meeting of Club Number 1, New York City, West Side CP, held on November 20, 1961, it was announced that BILL ALBERTSON was attached to the New York State CP Committee on a full time basis.

NY T-5
November 24, 1961.

The above information was also furnished by NY T-6 on November 21, 1961.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON is the "Coordinator or person in charge" of the New York County CP.

NY T-7
December 14, 1961.

Discussions Regarding Certain Provisions of the McCarran Act

At a meeting of the Kings County CP (KCCP) Administrative Committee, held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 25, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON reported on the defense of the Party. He set out the dates for the registration by the Party, its leaders and its membership under the provisions of the McCarran Act. He said that the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) should send forms for registration to the members of the Party, but that the Party lawyers had advised that the forms were to be returned unmarked, but with a separate sheet of paper on which members should write that they refuse to execute the forms and claim privilege under the Fifth Amendment. ALBERTSON stated that the lawyers recommended that all committees be cut in half and that when arrests of officers were made arrangements be made to transfer all duties to these officers so that only those who were under indictment would be officers of the Party. There are to be no officers at the County level and only Chairmen at the Club level. He said all education, financial and membership directors are to be done away with. By November 15, 1961, all dues must be paid up after which no dues will be collected and only contributions will be taken in the manner of other political parties. Clubs will be reduced to 15 people or less, divided into groups of five for communication purposes. No records of money or membership are to be kept and members are to clean out their homes from cellar to attic of Party lists, records or the like. He stated that all address or telephone record books are to be destroyed and there will be no more open meetings held. He stated in conclusion that no club may send out literature and that security is to be tightened. (U) (C)

NY T-8
October 30, 1961
November 3, 1961.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, at a meeting of the KCCP Council, held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 30, 1961, spoke on the McCarran Act and its effect on the Party, which he said is now entering into a new phase of its legal existence. He said it appears that President KENNEDY is moving toward the right and it is the "ultra-right" and the Government which are trying to isolate "our Party" from the people's movement. ALBERTSON stated that he did not expect any mass assault on the Party unless the international situation worsens. He said that if members are notified to register by the SACB, they should mail back the form unanswered and enclose a note to the effect that the person is not registering and is "taking the Fifth Amendment". ALBERTSON stated that even if the McCarran Act is enforced it will take years to settle the matter. He said that the SACB cannot penalize and that if individuals refuse to register, only the courts can take action.

NY T-9
October 31, 1961.

NY T-11, on October 31, 1961 and NY T-10, on November 3, 1961, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

WILLIAM ABBERTSON reviewed the provisions of the McCarran Act at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission, held in New York City, on November 15, 1961.

NY T-10
November 22, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the McCarran Act at a meeting of the New York County CP Committee, held in New York City, on November 16, 1961. ALBERTSON stated at the beginning of his report that "this is the last of these council meetings". In his report ALBERTSON stated that there are some comrades who say that, with the coming of the McCarran Act our countryhas entered a period in which we are on the verge of fascism, that the working class has suffered a major defeat, and that there is nothing to do except

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to make the most serious retreat and work in such a manner that we wait for a better day. Nothing could be further from a correct estimate of the situation. He stated that we have also heard in our ranks that some comrades have said that the McCarran Act is nothing new. We have had bad anti-Communist laws before and we will have more in the future; for example, the Communist Control Act of 1954, which outlawed the CP. We had MC CARTHY, and that blew over, and they say that this will also blow over. There is nothing further from a correct estimate than this. Both estimates are incorrect and will lead us and the working class to a position of no struggle for the working class and no struggle for the legality of the Party and the constitutional rights of the people.

ALBERTSON continued by stating that an estimate must be made of the political context in which this law is going to be enforced and we must develop a struggle against it. With the Supreme Court decision on June 5, finding the registration features of this act constitutional, with the refusal to grant a rehearing to the Party, and with the enforcement of the act, which started last October 19, when the major sections of the act went into effect, we have entered a new phase in the struggle for the legal existence of our Party and thus it is a new phase in the struggle for the constitutional liberties of the American people, because not only Communists but also non-working class people have found that all constitutional rights are tied to the rights of Communists.

ALBERTSON stated also that there is nothing in the situation which says that it is inevitable that the KENNEDY administration will wind up completely on the right, nor is there anything which says that the administration must follow a "sane" policy. If all the pro-Democratic forces bring enough pressure the administration will be forced to move in a sane direction. We must see these dangers ahead and develop the correct struggles and initiative to move the people into motion. The attack against the

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Party is designed to isolate our Party. "We" have over the past couple of years succeeded in re-establishing certain ties with sections of the labor movement, the Negro people's movements and others. These ties are nothing to write great big resolutions about, but the fact is that they were re-established. This is not to the liking of our ruling class and the McCarran Act will be utilized especially to try to break these new ties and to further isolate "our" Party from the American people.

He stated that there will be indictments of certain leaders; there will be some jail sentences; there will be bail problems; there will be more individual harrassments. We do not expect a mass assault and "our" Party, "we" must see that the reaction of the American people to the first attack that may take place, possibly the arrests of HALL, FLYNN and DAVIS, will go a long way in determining the nature, the breadth and the depth of the second attack.

ALBERTSON stated that "we" must fight against any tendency toward the liquidation of "our" Party, the ruling class wants that, and "we" must not do it. The Party is not outlawed by the McCarran Act.

ALBERTSON then proceeded to discuss the McCarran Act itself and the effect that it would have upon the CP. He also discussed the possibility that he, ALBERTSON, may be asked or may be ordered by the SACB to register and what he would do if this situation came up.

He then stated in concluding his report that "even if I were not a Communist I would still take the Fifth Amendment".

NY T-2
December 4, 1961.

"The Worker", December 11, 1960, Page 12, identifies GUS HALL as General Secretary CP, USA.

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"The Worker", March 19, 1961, Page 1, identifies ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman, CP, USA.

"The Worker", October 24, 1961, Page 8, identifies BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as National Secretary, CP, USA.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Activities in the Youth Field

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Temporary Coordinating Youth Committee, held in New York City, on November 5, 1961. During this meeting ALBERTSON requested to be the Chairman at the Youth Caucus that was to follow after this meeting.

NY T-10
November 9, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York State CP Youth Caucus, held in New York City, on November 5, 1961. The agenda at this meeting included a report on factionalism in the New York County CP and a vote on the proposals concerning the reorganization of CP Youth in the New York District CP as recommended by the New York District CP Youth Commission.

NY T-10
November 9, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Coordinating Committee, New York State CP Youth, held in New York City on November 29, 1961. At this meeting a discussion was held on the reorganized CP Youth organization.

NY T-10
December 1, 1961.

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Activities in Connection with the New York County CP

On November 20, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON discussed the current policies within the New York County CP. He stated that in the future, the dues collected by the sections in New York County are to be turned over personally to him or to HARRY GAY. ALBERTSON indicated that he was angry that the Chelsea Section of the New York County CP had not conducted a merger with the Greenwich Village CP Section. He said Chelsea had been instructed to merge with the Village Section and to send representatives to the Village Staff meetings. He stated that he would take care of this matter immediately.

ALBERTSON also stated that he was currently looking for some individual to work with the Communist Youth. He stated that the New York County CP Section leaders would continue to meet every other week, although no name would be assigned to the meeting. He stated that the New York County CP will not have an official office, although he anticipates working out of CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, and that if necessary, he could be contacted at his residence.

NY T-2
November 20, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated on November 20, 1961, that HARRY GAY was the Membership-Financial Director of the New York County CP.

NY T-2
November 20, 1961.

A meeting was held in New York City on November 27, 1961, by the New York County CP Coordinating Committee, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present. ALBERTSON discussed the

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functioning and role of this Coordinating Committee. He stated that the Committee will be called the Coordinating Committee and that there is a similar committee in every Borough of the State. It consists of those who have particular coordinating responsibilities in particular areas, former Section Organizers, coordinators of the work of clubs in particular areas. It replaces the old County Council and council meetings will take place on an area basis. On the Council are coordinators, plus people who are required from the point of view of the execution of responsibility that cannot be carried out otherwise. He stated that he was here as Coordinator for the Committee. ALBERTSON further stated that we will get decisions from the higher bodies, discuss them and make them applicable to the Borough. Also, we have the responsibility from time to time to initiate discussions on the questions generally specific to the Borough, related to particular movements within the Borough itself. We are not a separate entity within the State, as in the past. He stated that he thought the Committee should meet twice a month and that actually we are a sub-committee for the State for Manhattan and the arm of the State for this Borough.

NY T-2
December 4, 1961.

Attendance at Other CP Meetings

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CP Caucus of the Negro American Labor Council (NALC), held in Brooklyn, New York, on November 25, 1961, ad a representative of the New York District CP.

NY T-12
November 30, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York CP Negro Caucus, held in New York City, on November 25, 1961. ALBERTSON, along with WILLIAM PATTERSON were from the CP National Office.

NY T-13
November 28, 1961.

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Miscellaneous CP Activity

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a dinner in honor of "The Worker" and in celebration of the 70th birthday of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, held in New York City, on October 28, 1961.

NY T-9
October 30, 1961.

Substantially the same information as set forth above was furnished by NY T-14 on October 30, 1961, NY T-15 on November 7, 1961 and NY T-16 on October 30, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a social party held in Brooklyn, New York on November 18, 1961, sponsored by the 6th AD CP Club. The purpose of this party was to raise funds for the 6th AD CP Club.

NY T-14
November 20, 1961.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on various dates from October 30, 1961 to December 14, 1961.

PART II

Residence and Employment

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is not working and has been looking for a job.

NY T-17
December 14, 1961.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON is residing at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, first floor, rear, with his wife and son.

NY T-17
December 14, 1961.

Meeting of the New York CP Secretariat

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York CP Secretariat with BENJAMIN DAVIS, held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on November 16, 1961. This meeting was held to discuss a document issued by the Harlem Region, New York District CP.

NY T-18
November 16, 1961.

Information Concerning Leadership Position in the CP

At a meeting of the New York County CP Council held in New York City, on November 16, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the CP's position in the current registration fight with the United States Justice Department. At this meeting WILLIAM PATTERSON stated that ALBERTSON had been selected by the New York District CP as the new Coordinator of the New York County CP and that ALBERTSON was also a member of the New York State CP Secretariat and the Political Action Committee.

NY T-19
November 16, 1961.

Discussions Regarding Certain Provisions of the McCarran Act

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Youth Commission held in New York City on

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November 15, 1961. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the "McCarran Act and Its Effect on the Party". He advised all present to take notes of what he had to say because what he has to report must be discussed in the clubs prior to the next Youth Commission meeting. He stated that the enforcement of the McCarran Act goes into effect Monday, November 20, 1961, and that some people feel that because of this act "we" have reached a "dead end". This is not true, "we" are not on the verge of extinction and the United States is not on the verge of fascism. The actual situation is that "we" are fighting for the legal existence of the Party. He stated that because of the Mc Carran Act and the situations today the Party has had to make certain shifts and arrangements in the organization of the Party. "We" are facing and fighting every tendency to liquidate the Party.

ALBERTSON then enumerated the provisions of the Act which placed restrictions on what a CP member can do. He finished his report by stating that if people are arrested the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties has agreed to defend all victims and "We" must have the youth organization speak out against this Act.

NY T-20
November 15, 1961.

A characterization of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties can be found in the Appendix Section of this report.

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

A source advised on June 11, 1961, that a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), was held on June 10, 1961, at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. According to the source, the main topic of discussion at this meeting was the CP's plans in regard to combating the June 5, 1961 decision of the United States Supreme Court, requiring the CP to register with the Attorney General of the United States, as a Communist action organization, pursuant to the provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, and the court's decision of the same date, upholding the April 21, 1955 conviction of JUNIUS SCALES under the Smith Act provision, covering membership in the CP.

This source further advised that during this discussion, a special CP defense committee was formed and it was decided that this committee would have an office, which would be managed by MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER, who, according to the source, is a member of the CPUSA National Committee.

Another source advised on June 14, 1961, that at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests held on that date at CP Headquarters, NYC, it was announced that the CP defense committee would have an office at 22 East 17th Street, New York, New York, under the name of the Citizens Committee For Constitutional Liberties (CCFCL).

A third source advised on July 20, 1961, that at a meeting of the CP defense committee held on that date at CP Headquarters, New York City, the purpose and scope of the CCFCL was discussed.

It was stated that this committee has been set up to serve as a national coordinator and service center for every effort being made by whatever source to repeal the McCarran and Smith Acts. In addition, it has been set up to reverse the Supreme Court's decision of June 5, 1961, to secure an

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (Cont'd)

indefinite stay of any enforcement of the law by the Department of Justice. It is to engage in generating a popular defense movement to mobilize legal assistance of any organization or individual whose "democratic rights are infringed upon by these laws.", This committee wants to encourage the creation of local organizations or groups to work in support of any one of the above-stated objectives.

The committee will also serve as an exchange center of material and provide speakers for any local organization.

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for covert interview by Departmental attorneys upon request. Those informants identified by alphabetical symbols A through X, with the exception of H and Q, have previously been interviewed by Departmental attorneys.

An over-all correlation summary will be prepared pursuant to your request regarding those informants who are available for interview in the seven organizations and 15 individual cases listed in your cover letter of February 6, 1962. This correlation summary will be submitted in the immediate future.

ATTENTION: SACs, New York, Chicago, Baltimore and Buffalo:

Attached for each office is a copy of the Department's letter of February 6, 1962, in the captioned matter. The Department has further advised that tentative plans call for Department Attorneys DeWitt White, Leo J. Michaloski, Robert Crandall and David Hopkins to interview those informants located in the New York area around mid-February, 1962. The New York Office will be furnished more specific details when the Bureau receives this information from the Department.

The Bureau has not been advised when the interviews will be conducted by Department attorneys with the informants residing in other areas.

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In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 20, 1961, T-2 is [redacted], T-3 is [redacted] T-4 is [redacted], T-6 is [redacted] T-8 is [redacted] T-9 is [redacted] T-11 is [redacted] T-12 is [redacted] T-16 is [redacted] In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 18, 1961, T-1 is [redacted] T-3 is [redacted] T-6 is [redacted], T-7 is [redacted] and T-9 is [redacted]

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In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 20, 1961, T-1 is CG 5824-S*.

Baltimore

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 20, 1961, T-7 is BA 975-S*.

Buffalo

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 20, 1961, T-13 is [redacted]

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE ON YELLOW:

This letter is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ since it pertains to prosecutive matters involving current informants, the exposure of whom would adversely affect the national defense.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: February 6 1962

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950;
SECTIONS 2 AND 371 TITLE 18 U.S.C.
(Bureau File No. 65-38100)

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A review of the file regarding the captioned individual reflects that it is essential to the successful prosecution of this case that certain confidential informants listed in the following reports be covertly interviewed under security precautions.

NY T-1, NY T-2, NY T-3, NY T-4, NY T-6, NY T-7, NY T-8, NY T-9, NY T-11, NY T-12, NY T-13 and NY T-16 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 20, 1961 at New York, New York.

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NY T-1, NY T-3, NY T-6, NY T-7 and NY T-9 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 18, 1961 at New York, New York.

It is requested that a correlation of the above symbols be made with other reports submitted under this cover.

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cc: AAG Yeagley - NY (enc)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-1287) DATE: 1/31/62

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-21994)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
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On 1/26/62, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Chief Counsel, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, furnished SA [redacted] a copy of a letter to the Honorable RAYMOND FARRELL, Commissioner, INS, from EDWARD J. HICKEY, Acting Director, Passport Office. This letter reads as follows:

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"Under date of January 22, 1962 and by registered mail we have informed the following individuals, all top functionaries of the Communist Party of the United States, of the revocation of their passports:

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(1 - 100-47736) (JAMES EDWARD JACKSON)
(1 - 100-12583) (ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100-123974) (HERBERT EUGENE APTHEKER)
5 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-1696) (FLYNN)
(1 - 100-16785) (JACKSON)
(1 - 100-16021) (JOHNSON)
(1 - 65-5604) (ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100-80532) (APTHEKER)
1 - WFO

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	Name:	Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
	Date of Birth:	August 7, 1890
(1)	Place of Birth:	Concord, New Hampshire
	Passport Number:	#2016926
	Date of Issue:	March 10, 1960
	Permanent Residence (as given in passport application):	224 East 12th Street New York 3, New York
	(INS Lookout Notice):	March 9, 1963
(2)	Name:	James Edward Jackson
	Date of Birth:	November 29, 1914
	Place of Birth:	Richmond, Virginia
	Passport Number:	#1269465
	Date of Issue:	November 28, 1958; Renewed November 9, 1960
	Permanent Residence (as given in passport application):	1013 Lincoln Place Brooklyn 13, New York
	(INS Lookout Notice):	November 27, 1962
(3)	Name:	Arnold Samuel Johnson
	Date of Birth:	September 23, 1904
	Place of Birth:	Seattle, Washington
	Passport Number:	#B-332014
	Date of Issue:	April 20, 1961
	Permanent Residence (as given in passport application):	56 Seventh Avenue Apartment 5L New York 11, New York
	(INS Lookout Notice):	April 19, 1964

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(4) Name: William Albertson
Date of Birth: May 7, 1910
Place of Birth: Russia
Passport Number: #B-339866
Date of Issue: June 2, 1961
Permanent Residence (as given in passport application):
520 W. 110 Street
New York 25, New York
(INS Lookout Notice): June 1, 1964

(5) Name: Herbert Eugene Aptheker
Date of Birth: July 31, 1915
Place of Birth: Brooklyn, New York
Passport Number: #1273187
Date of Issue: December 10, 1958;
Renewed 21, 1961
Permanent Residence (as given in passport application):
32 Ludlam Place
Brooklyn 25, New York
(INS Lookout Notice): December 9, 1962

"Will you please issue an appropriate lookout notice. We have inserted an expiration date for the notice which coincides with the date on which the validity of the passport expires.

"While as far as we know all of these individuals are in the United States at present, nonetheless, should the opportunity present itself, the passports should be withdrawn and forwarded to the Passport Office. The individual concerned may be informed that the Passport Office will advise him of the basis for the action. Actually, they all appear to be within the purview of 50 U.S.C. 785."

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WILLIAM PATTERSON stated on November 5, 1951, that he was Chairman of the New York State CP, and also charged with responsibility of Negro work.

NY T-4
November 6, 1951.

At a meeting of the Greenwich Village CP Section Committee, held on November 6, 1951, it was announced that a small committee had been set up to handle the "re-adjustment" of the New York County CP organization. This committee will consist of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who has been appointed New York County CP Organizer and will operate on a full time basis, and three other members who were former New York County CP leaders.

NY T-2
November 8, 1951.

At a meeting of the Greenwich Village CP Section Staff, held in New York City, on November 6, 1951, it was announced that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was on the sub-committee in charge of New York County CP, and that he had been made a full-timer for the County - the new Organizer.

NY T-2
November 16, 1951.

At a meeting of Club Number 1, New York City, West Side CP, held on November 20, 1951, it was announced that BILL ALBERTSON was attached to the New York State CP Committee on a full time basis.

NY T-5
November 24, 1951.

The above information was also furnished by NY T-6 on November 21, 1951.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON is the "Coordinator or person in charge" of the New York County CP.

NY T-7
December 14, 1961.

Discussions Regarding Certain Provisions of the McCarran Act

At a meeting of the Kings County CP (KCCP) Administrative Committee, held in Brooklyn, New York, on October 25, 1961, WILLIAM ALBERTSON reported on the defense of the Party. He set out the dates for the registration by the Party, its leaders and its membership under the provisions of the McCarran Act. He said that the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) should send forms for registration to the members of the Party, but that the Party lawyers had advised that the forms were to be returned unmarked, but with a separate sheet of paper on which members should write that they refuse to execute the forms and claim privilege under the Fifth Amendment. ALBERTSON stated that the lawyers recommended that all committees be cut in half and that when arrests of officers were made arrangements be made to transfer all duties to these officers so that only those who were under indictment would be officers of the Party. There are to be no officers at the County level and only Chairmen at the Club level. He said all education, financial and membership directors are to be done away with. By November 15, 1961, all dues must be paid up after which no dues will be collected and only contributions will be taken in the manner of other political parties. Clubs will be reduced to 15 people or less, divided into groups of five for communication purposes. No records of money or membership are to be kept and members are to clean out their homes from cellar to attic of Party lists, records of the like. He stated that all address or telephone record books are to be destroyed and there will be no more open meetings held. He stated in conclusion that no club may send out literature and that security is to be tightened. (C)

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NY T-8
October 30, 1961
November 3, 1961.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

March 28, 1962

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Attached is a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 19, 1962, at New York, New York, on captioned individual. For your additional information and assistance, certain of the "T" symbols used in this report relate to confidential informants who have previously been identified to you under alphabetical designation. They are as follows:

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T-1	N	(New York)
T-2	J	(New York)
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T-6	K	(New York)
T-7	F	(New York)
T-8	B	(New York)
T-9	A	(New York)
T-10	2S	(Albany)
T-11	R	(New York)
T-14	W	(New York)
T-15	2B	(New York)
T-16	I	(New York)
T-17	Z	(New York)

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T-3, T-12 and T-13 are confidential sources in whom the Department has not yet expressed an interest. T-18, T-19 and T-20 are confidential investigative techniques.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	3/19/62	1/23 - 3/13/62

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	[redacted]	aw

CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/30/62 at NY.

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Part I of this report contains admissible evidence and part II contains inadmissible evidence.

The SA of the FBI who observed ALBERTSON leaving the residence at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, was SA DONALD M. CHAPIN.

Approved [redacted] Special Agent In Charge

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The sources used to characterize the New York School for Marxist Studies are in order of their use:

NY 2384-S*
CG 5824-S*

ALBERTSON was observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on dates and by Agents as indicated: b6 b7C

January 2, 1962 January 3, 1962 January 4, 1962 January 5, 1962 January 8, 1962	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
January 9, 1962	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
January 10, 1962	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
January 11, 1962	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
January 12, 1962	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
January 15, 1962 January 16, 1962 January 17, 1962 January 19, 1962	[redacted]
January 25, 1962	PETER C. MITESSER, JR.
January 26, 1962	PETER C. MITESSER, JR. and [redacted]
January 29, 1962	PETER C. MITESSER, JR. and WILLIAM J. BARRON
January 30, 1962	PETER C. MITESSER, JR. and WILLIAM J. BARRON
February 1, 1962	WILLIAM J. BARRON
February 6, 1962	PETER C. MITESSER, JR.
February 7, 1962	PETER C. MITESSER, JR. and WILLIAM J. BARRON

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INFORMANTS

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NY T-16	
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NY T-18	
NY 3311-S*	
NY T-19	
NY 1261-S*	
NY T-20	
NY 2003-S*	

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report ALBERTSON's activities.

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1. [x] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [ ] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [x] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [x] A suitable photograph [x] is [ ] is not available.
5. [x] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [x] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason)
it contains information from live informants, NY T-1 through NY T-17 as well as information from highly confidential sources. The disclosure of it might impair the effectiveness of these informants and sources which would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the US.
8. [x] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/10/59, 10/27/60.
[x] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) when he was interviewed on above dates, he gave no indication of cooperation.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [x] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
ALBERTSON is coordinator of the NY County CP and is a mbr member of the NY State CP Staff, as set forth in instant report.

11. [x] Subject's SI card [x] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[x] Subject's activities [x] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: March 19, 1962

Field Office File No.: 100-129629 Bureau File No.: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis: ALBERTSON resides 3002 Neptune Ave., Brooklyn, NY. Informants advised ALBERTSON is coordinator, NY County CP; member of the NY State CP Staff; attended meetings of the Harlem CP Region Committee, NY County Coordinating Committee, Manhattan CP Club Organizers, Lower East Side CP Section, NY State CP Board and Committee; attended a meeting of the Albany-Schenectady CP Section on 1/26/62; taught a class at the NY School for Marxist Studies. ALBERTSON observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters on various dates between 1/2/62 and 2/7/62.

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DETAILS

PART I

A. Residence and Employment

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON leaving the residence at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on March 8, 1962 and proceeding by bus and subway to 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

B. Information Concerning Leadership Position in the Communist Party (CP)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON had been reassigned from his position in the Kings County CP to an undisclosed position with the New York State CP Organization.

(NY T-1 - December 27, 1961)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is the New York County CP Coordinator as of January 15, 1962.

(NY T-2 - January 15, 1962)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is a member of the New York State CP Staff.

(NY T-3 - January 17, 1962)

On January 26, 1962, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Chief Counsel, Passport Office, United States Department of State, furnisheda letter which stated that under date of January 22, 1962, the Passport Office advised certain individuals, all top functionaries of the CP, of the revocation of their passports. WILLIAM ALBERTSON's name was listed as one of these persons.

C. Activities In Connection With
The New York County CP

WILLIAM ALBERTSON and WILLIAM PATTERSON attended a meeting of the Harlem Region CP Committee on December 29, 1961 representing the New York State CP Leadership. This meeting dealt with the expulsion of a factional group of the CP.

(NY T-4 - January 3, 1962)

"The Worker" issue of September 24, 1961, page 11, identifies WILLIAM PATTERSON as Chairman of the CP of New York.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

On January 12, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Harlem Region Committee of the New York CP. At this meeting WILLIAM PATTERSON gave a report on recent activities and actions of the Appeal and Review Commission of the CP.

(NY T-5 - January 15, 1962)

NY T-4 on January 15, 1962 and NY T-6 on January 19, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as above.

At a meeting of the Manhattan County Coordinating Committee held in New York City on January 18, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the 1962 elections.

(NY T-2 - January 23, 1962)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the Manhattan CP Club Organizers held in New York City on January 20, 1962. ALBERTSON, in opening the meeting, stated that

this is one of a series of meetings called on an area or borough basis by the State of all the Club Coordinators, which will take place from time to time, whenever made necessary by special situations on special problems that must be considered. He stated that the purpose is to open the discussion and begin to approach the problem of the perspectives of the Party and the mass movement in the 1962 elections. He stated that this will be the only point in the order of business for the night and that the meeting will continue as long as the discussion makes it necessary.

(NY T-2 - January 23, 1962)

NY T-6 furnished substantially the same information as above on January 29, 1962.

On January 23, 1962, a meeting was held of the Forbes Club of the Lower East Side CP Section, New York County, in New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present as a guest from the New York State CP and read a resolution called "Statement on Party Unity and the Fight Against Disruptors" issued by the CP, USA. This resolution dealt with the present factional dispute in the CP. It recounted the Supreme Court decision upholding the McCarran Act and the fight being waged by the CP since that time. It said the Party has no choice but to refuse to register because to do so it would jeopardize the constitutional rights of all progressive and democratic movements in the country. The statement called for all the members of the CP and all Party organizations to carry on more vigorously the struggle for the Party's defense, to explain the vital issues involved, particularly to expose as a lie that the CP is a foreign agent. The statement also calls on the members to safeguard the Party and preserve its unity. It said that with a few exceptions, which are being taken care of, the members and leaders have given overwhelming support to the leadership. The statement ended by stating that the CP will win its battle for existence and fulfill its role as vanguard fighter for peace and democracy.

(NY T-7 - January 23, 1962)

At a meeting of the Harlem Region Committee of the New York CP, which was held in New York City on January 24, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the 1962 elections. In his report ALBERTSON stated that in order to know what the Democratic Party was doing and in order to know what could be done to influence the Democratic Party, it was important that the Harlem Region Committee review the work of all its members and to see that all club members belong to a Democratic Party club in his or her district. He stated that it was important that each club member become active in a Democratic Party club.

(NY T-4 - January 25, 1962)

A meeting of the New York County Coordinating CP Committee was held in New York City on February 1, 1962. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present, gave a report on "Developments in the Labor Movement."

(NY T-2 - February 9, 1962)

On February 16, 1962, a special meeting of the Forbes Club, Lower East Side CP Section, was held in New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present as a special guest from the New York State CP. The purpose of this meeting was to air the charges against a member of the Forbes CP Club and ALBERTSON read these charges to the group.

(NY T-7 - February 19, 1962)

D. CP Board and Committee Meeting

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a New York State CP Board meeting held in New York City on December 28, 1961 wherein a report was given on the activities of the New York School for Marxist Studies and on the activities of the CP Review Commission.

(NY T-8 - January 1, 1962
January 4, 1962)

NY T-9 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on January 1, 1962.

A characterization of the New York School for Marxist Studies can be found in the Appendix section of this report.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON reported on 1962 elections at a meeting of the New York State CP Board held in New York City on January 11, 1962. ALBERTSON noted the Party's support of the Brotherhood Party and recommended a committee be appointed to consider a candidate to be run under the Party banner and also to prepare an open letter on the Party's stand.

(NY T-8 - January 12, 1962)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report from the State Board on the factionalism in the Party and the Party's effort to combat it at a meeting of the New York State CP Committee held in New York City on February 4, 1962. He stated in this report that since the last State Committee meeting the group labeled as anti-Party, had been disciplined.

(NY T-10 - February 5, 1962)

NY T-8 on February 5, 1962 and NY T-9 on February 5, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

A meeting of the New York District CP Board was held in New York City on February 8, 1962. WILLIAM ALBERTSON read an eight page document entitled "Condition of the Kennedy Administration After One Year", which had been prepared by a leading spokesman of the Party.

E. Other CP Meetings Attended (NY T-9 - February 13, 1962)

A meeting of the "Manhattan Forum" was held in New York City on January 5, 1962. Although this meeting was held under the title "Manhattan Forum" it was an open CP

meeting in view of the fact that the Chairman, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, the principal speaker, and a large number of individuals present were CP members. Throughout this meeting ALBERTSON and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, the principal speaker, referred to themselves as "Comrades".

(NY T-11 - January 6, 1962)

"The Worker" issue of March 19, 1961, page 1, identifies ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as Chairman, CP, USA.

On January 26, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a CP functionary from New York City, attended an Albany-Schenectady CP Sections joint meeting held in Albany, New York. ALBERTSON gave a report on the evidence leading up to the expulsion of certain CP members from the Party.

(NY T-10 - February 2, 1962)

NY T-12 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on January 30, 1962.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON reported on the outlook of the Party in the 1962 elections at a CP caucus held on February 6, 1962 in Brooklyn, New York. ALBERTSON stated that the Party is to work for the election of a Negro Congressman from Brooklyn; that the Party should concentrate in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn; that the Brownsville insurgent Democrats should be a target for Party members.

(NY T-8 - February 12, 1962)

E. CP Front Activity

At a meeting held on January 10, in New York City, for the purpose of discussing the status of "The Worker", WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated that "we" should plan parties to raise funds; "we" must look for reasons to run parties.

(NY T-2 - January 16, 1962)

NY T-11 on January 12, 1962 and NY T-13 on January 12, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

On February 3, 1962, an Eastern Seaboard Press Conference sponsored by "The Worker" was held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this conference.

(NY T-14 - February 5, 1962)

The following informants furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on dates as indicated:

NY T-2	February 9, 1962
NY T-7	February 7, 1962
NY T-8	February 5, 1962
NY T-9	February 5, 1962
NY T-10	February 5, 1962
NY T-13	February 7, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON taught a class at the New York School for Marxist Studies on February 7, 1962. ALBERTSON was introduced to the class as one of the leaders in the CP today. ALBERTSON's lecture dealt with the youth movements of the past and today.

(NY T-15 - February 13, 1962)

G. Miscellaneous CP Activity

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City on January 3, 1962.

(NY T-16 - January 9, 1962)

On February 2, 1962, it was announced by BETTY GANNETT that there was to be a meeting of the Negro-American Labor Council (NALC) CP Caucus Group on February 10, 1962 and that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was to attend.

(NY T-9 - February 6, 1962)

"The Worker", September 24, 1961, page 11, column 5, refers to BETTY GANNETT as Educational and Organizational Director, New York State CP.

On February 10, 1961, a meeting of the NALC CP Caucus Group was held in New York City. This meeting was arranged by BILL ALBERTSON and he made it clear that this was to be a meeting of a group of CP members who were working in the NALC. ALBERTSON did not attend this meeting because he was ill.

(NY T-17 - February 13, 1962)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the FBI entering and/or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City on various dates between January 2, 1962 and February 7, 1962.

PART II

A. Residence and Employment

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, first floor, rear apartment.

(NY T-18 - March 13, 1962)

Information was received that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn 24, New York, was employed for the year 1961 by International Publishers, Incorporated, 381 4th Avenue, New York 16, New York.

(NY T-19 - February 13, 1962)

A characterization of International Publishers, Incorporated can be found in the Appendix section of this report.

B. Attendance at CP Board Meeting

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held on January 25, 1962 in New York City. During this meeting a report on youth was given and ALBERTSON in his comments regarding this report stated "they" have reached what might be considered a united and mature youth movement. He stated that now the youth can handle youth leadership and no adults have to lead the youth.

(NY T-20 - January 25, 1962)

APPENDIX

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning International Publishers:

"International Publishers

"1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by Alexander Trachtenberg. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7680.)

"2. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Reports, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)

"3. 'Official American Communist Party publishing house.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an advocate of overthrow of Government by force and violence, May 11, 1948, p. 80)"

THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES,
FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL
FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, a source advised that BETTY GANNETT announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA) New York District, (NYD) Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies (PSMS) was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, NYD.

"The Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, in its issue of December 11, 1960, identified BETTY GANNETT as a full-time member of the New York State CP Staff in the capacity of Organizational and Educational Director.

"The Worker" of September 18, 1960, included an announcement regarding the PSMS, Room 1922, 853 Broadway, New York, New York, reflecting that the Fall Term would extend from October 17, 1960, through November 23, 1960, and that the SCOPE (Youth) Classes would extend from October 7, 1960, through November 11, 1960.

"The Worker" of October 16, 1960, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and SCOPE (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York. The Spring Term, 1961, catalogue reflects Dr. HERBERT APTHEKER as the Director of the School.

Another source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA held December 10 - 13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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New York, New York

March 19, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

BU 65-38100
NY 100-129629

Title William Albertson

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act - 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-1950

Enclosed find 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the attendance of above-captioned at a CP meeting.

The informant furnishing the information is [redacted] b7D

The letterhead memorandum is being classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because it contains information which could reveal the identity of the source which could have an adverse effect on the national defense interests of the US.

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New York, New York

March 23, 1962

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Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C,
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 22, 1962, that on March 16, 1962, William Albertson was present at a meeting of Harlem Communist Party Club Chairmen. This meeting was held at 35 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, New York. Albertson outlined Communist Party club activities and stated that he wanted all Harlem comrades to become active in mass organizations, political preferred.

The source referred to above has been identified to the Department as "K" (New York).

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1 - Mr. Ryan

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

April 4, 1962

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a memorandum dated March 30, 1962, prepared by our New York Office setting forth information regarding subject's attendance at a Communist Party meeting held on March 28, 1962.

The confidential sources used in this memorandum in the order of their appearance have previously been identified to you under the alphabetical designation of "U" and "T" (New York).

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Enclosed find 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding subject's attendance at a CP meeting held on 3/28/62.

The informants used in this memorandum are in order of their use: [redacted] and NY [redacted] b7D

This memorandum is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because it contains information from live informants, the disclosure of which would impair the investigation of the CP in the NY area, which would be prejudicial to the defense interest of the U.S.

SA corroboration of ALBERTSON's attendance at this meeting was not possible because of conditions in the area where the meeting was held. In addition, it was not known ALBERTSON would attend this meeting.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
March 30, 1962

Re: William Albertson -
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 30, 1962, that William Albertson was present at a meeting of the Upper 13th A.D. Club of the Harlem Communist Party (CP) held in Apartment 5R, 87 Hamilton Place, New York City, on March 28, 1962. Albertson paid dues of $1.00 and made a contribution of $4.00 toward the "Fund Drive."

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 30, 1962, that William Albertson was present at a meeting of the Harlem CP, Upper 13th A.D. Club, held in Apartment 5R, 87 Hamilton Place, New York City, on March 28, 1962.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

April 4, 1962

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated March 30, 1962, prepared by our New York Office setting forth information regarding subject's attendance at a Communist Party meeting held on March 29, 1962.

The confidential sources used in this memorandum, in the order of their appearance, have previously been identified to you under the alphabetical designation of "K" and "J" (New York).

Also enclosed are two copies each of two memoranda setting forth the visual observation of Albertson by Special Agents when he entered the building at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on the evening of March 29, 1962. He was also observed by Special Agents to be present in the room where the meeting was held. It is believed the visual observations of Albertson corroborate the information furnished by the confidential informants.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Classified! yes DATE 9/20/77 RJS

Enclosed find five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding subject's attendance at a CP meeting held on 3/29/62.

The sources furnishing the information are set forth in order of use:

[redacted] b7D

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Both of these informants were present at this meeting and furnished the information orally.

Enclosed also find ten copies of Two FD 302's setting forth the visual observation of WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering the building at 74 Fifth Ave., NYC, and in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., NYC.

The Agents who observed ALBERTSON were [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

This memorandum is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because it contains information from live informants the disclosure of which would impair the investigation of the CP in the NY area which would be prejudical to the defense interests of the US.

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Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 30, 1962, that William Albertson was present at a meeting held in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on March 29, 1962. Source stated it was his impression that this was a closed Communist Party (CP) meeting because of statement made that notification of the meeting was made by word-of-mouth. (C)

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Source stated Albertson, who was introduced only by name "Bill" gave the main report regarding the McCarran Act. He suggested the mailing of literature by individuals or clubs explaining the McCarran Act. He also suggested the sending of protest letters to President Kennedy and the Attorney General. (C)

(U)

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 30, 1962, that William Albertson was present at a meeting held in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on March 29, 1962. Source stated that there was a person present who was introduced as a non-Party member. (C)

(U)

This source stated that Albertson, who was not introduced by any title, gave the main report on the status of the McCarran Act and mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to develop interest in those present to set up "defense committees" in their respective areas. (C)

(U)

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed Albertson entering 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on March 29, 1962, and also observed him in Room 10G, 74 Fifth Avenue, on the same date.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON was seen entering 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, on Thursday, March 29, 1962, at 8:13 p.m.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed in Room 10G, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, with a group of people from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., on March 29, 1962. The door of the room was closed at 8:45 p.m. and WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed addressing the group at 8:52 p.m. and was still addressing the group at 9:30 p.m.

On 3/29/62 at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York File # 100-129629

by SA [redacted]/ume Date dictated 3/30/62

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Date 3/30/62

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was seen entering 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, on March 29, 1962, at approximately 8:13 p.m.

A group of people was observed in Room 10G of the building at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, on the same date at approximately 8:30 p.m. Among this group was WILLIAM ALBERTSON. ALBERTSON was subsequently observed addressing this group, beginning approximately 8:52 p.m. At 9:30 p.m., he was still addressing the group.

On 3/29/62 at New York, New York File # 100-129629

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Ryan
April 17, 1962

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a memorandum dated April 11, 1962, prepared by our New York Office, setting forth information regarding subject's attendance at a Communist Party meeting held in New York City on April 10, 1962.

The confidential source who furnished the information has previously been identified to the Department under the alphabetical symbol of "K" (New York).

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EX 110

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Enclosed find five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information furnished by [redacted] regarding ALBERTSON's attendance at a CP meeting.

This information was furnished orally. Informant learned of the meeting just prior to his attendance and did not know ALBERTSON would be there.

This memorandum is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because it contains information furnished by [redacted] disclosure of which would jeopardize the informant and investigations of the CP in the New York area. This would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the United States. b7D

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New York, New York
April 11, 1962

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Bureau 65-38100
New York 100-129629

Re: William Albertson

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 11, 1962, that William Albertson attended a meeting of the Harlem Coordinating Committee, Communist Party (CP), New York District on April 10, 1962, at 552 Riverside Drive, New York City. Albertson was not introduced in any manner. Albertson proposed that the Harlem CP hold a street meeting in the near future.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: April 10, 1962
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Donohue
1 - Mr. Reddy

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES v. COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
(MEMBERSHIP PROSECUTIONS UNDER SECTION 8,
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080
ON 3-30-77

In connection with the Department's contemplated action against seven members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), National Committee in the New York area for failing to register as Communist Party (CP) members under Section 8, Internal Security Act of 1950, the New York and Buffalo Offices have recommended the release of several current informants whose testimony will satisfy the evidentiary standards set by the Department and whose release will cause the least damage to security coverage in the New York and Buffalo Offices.

The seven potential defendants are Arnold Johnson, ~~William~~ Weinstock, Miriam Friedlander, Betty Gannett Tormey, William L. Patterson, William Albertson and Herbert Aptheker.

The key informant is [redacted] who can testify against all of the potential defendants except Aptheker and who has already been made available to the Department as a witness. To corroborate the testimony of [redacted] as to all of the defendants except Aptheker, New York has recommended the release of [redacted] and [redacted] and Buffalo has recommended the release of [redacted] On the afternoon of April 9, 1962, Department Attorney Oran Waterman was telephonically advised that the Department could consider as available for testimony in the New York case, in addition to [redacted] the New York informants known to the Department as W, 2R and D and the Buffalo informant known as 5F. Waterman expressed complete satisfaction with this lineup of witnesses against Johnson, Weinstock, Friedlander, Tormey, Patterson, and Albertson.

With regard to Aptheker, Waterman was advised that the Minneapolis informant known to the Department as 3R was not believed suitable for testimony in view of his physical condition. This informant was recently hospitalized and is suffering from extremely high blood pressure. Waterman was told that efforts are

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: United States v. Communist Party, USA
100-372598

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ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised on a continuing basis of additional pertinent developments in the registration case against the National Committee members from the New York area. As yet, the Department has not specifically advised when the petitions ordering these individuals to register under Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 will be filed with the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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being made on a continuing basis to supplant testimony of the Minneapolis informant and that the Department will be kept advised of developments. In this regard, it is noted that while Aptheker makes frequent public appearances as a speaker on behalf of the CPUSA, he never identifies himself publicly as a Party official or member and attends closed CP meetings only on extremely infrequent occasions.

Waterman was further advised that the Bureau had just received from the New York Office Photostats of the written reports of the four New York informants but that other documentary material, possibly constituting "statements" under the Jencks law, were still being processed by the New York Office. Waterman requested that a set of Photostats of the written reports of the four New York informants be made immediately available to Department attorneys for review. (This was handled by special messenger on the afternoon of April 9, 1962.) Waterman indicated that the reports of the Buffalo informant and any additional documents processed by the New York and Buffalo Offices could be transmitted to the Department upon receipt at the Bureau. Waterman was advised that this is being handled on an expeditious basis.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Department's original request for witnesses in the cases against the National Committee members from the New York area was for the release of three very valuable New York informants. Through extensive review and cooperation between the New York and Buffalo Offices, it has been possible to save two of the very valuable New York informants by substituting informants of the New York and Buffalo Offices of lesser value but who were still completely satisfactory to the Department as witnesses. At the present time several offices, including Baltimore and Los Angeles, are attempting to develop the necessary evidence against defendant Herbert Aptheker, also without materially effecting security coverage in these offices.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

April 19, 1962

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Attached herewith are two copies of a memorandum prepared by our New York Office dated April 13, 1962, which identifies Albertson in attendance at a communist meeting on April 11, 1962, at New York City.

The confidential source who furnished the information has previously been identified to the Department under the alphabetical designation of "T" (New York).

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-1950

Enclosed find 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information furnished orally by [redacted] "T" regarding ALBERTSON's attendance at a CP meeting.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

April 13, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bufile 65-38100
NYfile 100-129629

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1962, that William Albertson was present at a meeting of the Upper 13th A.D. Club of the Harlem Communist Party (CP) on April 11, 1962. This meeting was held at 87 Hamilton Place, New York City. Albertson was not introduced. During the meeting Albertson advised that the CP had agreed to pay the funeral expenses of the husband of one of the members. Albertson also discussed security measures to be taken regarding future meeting places.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

May 10, 1962

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Attached are two copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 3, 1962, at New York, New York, on captioned individual. b6 b7C

For your additional information and assistance, certain of the "T" symbols utilized in this report relate to confidential informants who have previously been identified to you under alphabetical designation. They are as follows:

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T-2	3A (Buffalo)	T-7	R (New York)
T-4	K (New York)	T-8	N (New York)
T-5	U (New York)	T-9	B (New York)

T-3 is a confidential informant in whom the Department has not yet expressed an interest.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	5/3/62 (posted 5-4)	3/14/62 - 4/25/62

TITLE OF CASE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted] TYPED BY: lbb

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/19/62 at NY. b6 b7C

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report is not divided into two parts, admissible and inadmissible, as has been done previously, since it is composed entirely of admissible evidence.

The SAS of the FBI who observed ALBERTSON leaving his residence at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, on 4/12/62 were [redacted] and [redacted]

APPROVED: [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The SAS of the FBI who observed ALBERTSON entering the main ballroom of the Hotel Greystone on 2/26/62 were [redacted], and WILLIAM J. BARRON. b6 b7C

ALBERTSON was observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on dates and by Agents as indicated:

2/8/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr. and WILLIAM J. BARRON
2/13/62	[redacted] and PETER C. MITESSER, Jr.
2/14/62	[redacted] and PETER C. MITESSER, Jr.
2/15/62	[redacted] and PETER C. MITESSER, Jr.
2/16/62	[redacted]
2/20/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr.
2/21/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr.
2/23/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr.
2/26/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr. and [redacted]
2/27/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr.
2/28/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr. and [redacted]

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3/1/62	PETER C. MITESSER, Jr. and [redacted]
3/6/62	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/8/62	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/9/62	[redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/12/62	[redacted]
3/13/62	and WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/15/62	WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/16/62	WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/19/62	WILLIAM J. BARRON and [redacted]
3/20/62	WILLIAM J. BARRON
3/21/62	WILLIAM J. BARRON and [redacted]
3/22/62	WILLIAM J. BARRON and [redacted]

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INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	File Number Where Located
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NY 100-129629

Identity of Source	File Number Where Located
NY T-2 [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-3 [redacted]	
NY T-4 [redacted]	
NY T-5 [redacted]	100-129629-6431 b7D
NY T-6 [redacted]	100-129629-6431
NY T-7 [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-8 [redacted]	
NY T-9 [redacted]	

LEAD:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities in accordance with Bureau instructions relating to the investigation of key figures.

1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ _____ because (state reason)
the data received from NY T-1 through NY T-9, disclosure of which might impair the effectiveness of these informants and such impairment could have an adverse effect on the national defense interests of the country.

8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/10/59 & 10/27/60.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
when he was interviewed on above dates, he gave no indication of cooperation.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
ALBERTSON is coordinator of the New York County CP and is a member of the New York District CP Staff. (Report 3/19/62)

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 5/3/62

Field Office File No.: NY 100-129629 Bureau File No.: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis: ALBERTSON resides at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, and is employed by the New York District CP. Sources advised that ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York District CP Committee in February, 1962; in attendance at a meeting of the Harlem CP Region Committee in January, 1962 and a meeting of the Harlem CP Coordinating Committee in March, 1962; in attendance at a meeting of the NY County Coordinating Committee in February, 1962; in attendance at a meeting of the Upper 13th A.D. Club of the Harlem Region CP in March, 1962; in attendance at a CP press conference in February, 1962; in attendance at reception in honor of GUS HALL in February, 1962; in attendance at 38th anniversary celebration of "The Worker" in March, 1962; in attendance at reception in honor of ROBERT THOMPSON in March, 1962.

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NY 100-129629

DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On April 12, 1962, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON depart from his residence at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

B. Employment

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is employed as a New York County Communist Party (CP) coordinator by the New York District (NYD) CP.

NY T-1
April 25, 1962

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The location of all meeting places mentioned in the Details of this report is New York, New York, unless otherwise indicated.

CP Meetings Attended

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the NYD CP Committee held February 4, 1962 at the Beacon Hotel, 75th Street and Broadway. At this meeting WILLIAM ALBERTSON delivered a report dealing with factionalism within the NYD CP.

NY T-2
February 7, 1962
NY T-3
February 26, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Harlem CP Region Committee held January 24, 1962 at 884 West End Avenue. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave a report on the 1962 elections. During the course of this report, ALBERTSON stated that the Harlem comrades should get active in political organizations and give new life to these organizations.

NY T-4
February 7, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Harlem CP Coordinating Committee held March 16, 1962 at 35 Fort Washington Avenue. ALBERTSON stated at this meeting that all comrades should become active within some type of organization, and that the political organization was the type preferred.

NY T-4
March 22, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York County Coordinating Committee held at 325 East 9th Street on February 15, 1962. The announced agenda for this meeting was as follows:

1. Peace Questions
2. Fund Drive
3. Good and Welfare

NY T-1
March 1, 1962

A meeting of the Upper 13th A.D. Club of the Harlem Region CP was held on March 14, 1962 at 35 Fort Washington Avenue. At this meeting it was announced that WILLIAM ALBERTSON was now a member of the above mentioned club.

NY T-5
March 15, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Upper 13th A.D. Club of the Harlem Region CP held on March 28, 1962 at 87 Hamilton Place. ALBERTSON paid dues of $1.00 and made a contribution of $4.00 toward the club fund drive.

NY T-5
March 30, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the Upper 13th A.D. Club of the Harlem Region CP held on March 28, 1962 at 87 Hamilton Place.

NY T-6
March 30, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a CP Press Conference held February 3, 1962 at Adelphi Hall. The entire conference was devoted to discussions concerning "The Worker" fund drive.

NY T-4
February 7, 1962
NY T-7
February 5, 1962
NY T-2
February 7, 1962

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

Miscellaneous

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a reception in honor of GUS HALL held February 26, 1962 at the Hotel Greystone, 212 91st Street. HALL was the only speaker at this reception. HALL spoke for approximately two hours discussing his experiences on a recent speaking tour which took him to the west coast.

NY T-1
March 1, 1962
NY T-4
March 8, 1962
NY T-6
February 27, 1962

"The Worker", June 25, 1961,
page two, identifies GUS HALL
as General Secretary of the CP.

On February 26, 1962, Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering the main ballroom of the Hotel Greystone, 212 91st Street.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting held on March 2, 1962 in celebration of the 38th anniversary of "The Worker" held at Carnegie Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to raise funds for "The Worker".

NY T-8
March 8, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a reception in honor of ROBERT THOMPSON held on March 23, 1962 at 61 Rivington Street, to celebrate THOMPSON's release from prison. THOMPSON gave a brief speech at this reception in which he indicated that he, THOMPSON, could give leadership to the mass movement and take his place as a political leader.

NY T-9
March 26, 1962

"The Worker", July 13, 1958, listed
BOB THOMPSON as a member of the
National Executive Committee of the
CP, USA at its meeting held June 27
and 28, 1958.

THOMPSON was convicted in United
States District Court, New York,
on October 14, 1949 for violation
of the Smith Act.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the FBI entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on various dates between February 8, 1962 through March 22, 1962.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

NY 100-129629

New York, New York
May 3, 1962

Title William Albertson

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act - 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated and captioned as above.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-1950

Enclosed find 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding subject's attendance at a CP meeting on 5/15/62.

The source mentioned in the memorandum is [redacted] who is known by the Department as Source K.

This memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from a current live informant. The unauthorized disclosure of this informant could impair the informants' future effectiveness. Such impairment could adversely effect the defense interests of the US.

ALBERTSON's attendance at this meeting was not known in advance by the informant.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York

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NYfile (100-129629)

May 18, 1962

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act - 1950

Confidential source K, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 16, 1962, that William Albertson was present at a meeting of the Communist Party club chairmen from Harlem and Washington Heights, New York City, held at Bermuda Hall, New York City on May 15, 1962. Albertson stated that "Leadership had proposed that Harlem and Washington Heights merge".

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-1950

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the subject's attendance at a CP meeting on 5/29/62.

The source furnishing the information is [redacted] who is known to the Department as Source K.

This memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from a current live informant. The unauthorized disclosure of this information could impair the informant's future effectiveness. Such impairment could adversely effect the defense interests of the US.

Source K had no advance information that ALBERTSON would attend this meeting. b7D

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New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

65-38100

May 31, 1962

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act - 1950

On May 31, 1962, confidential source K, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that William Albertson attended a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) Chairmen from the Harlem and Washington Heights CP on May 29, 1962. The meeting was held at 407 Audubon Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Albertson took an active part in leading the discussion. Among the topics discussed were:

1. Possible merger of the Harlem and Washington Heights CP.

2. The coming elections.

3. Publication of a monthly newsletter in Harlem.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-4)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NY DISTRICT CP
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 30 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a meeting of the NYD CP Board held on 5/24/62.

The source mentioned in this memorandum is [redacted] known to the Department as Source A.

SA [redacted] observed the following individuals in the vicinity of the room where this meeting was held:

MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER
WILLIAM PATTERSON
ARNOLD JOHNSON
BETTY GANNETT
WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Twenty five FD-302s containing SA [redacted] observations with regard to these individuals are also enclosed.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect the identity of the source whose disclosure would be detrimental to the national defense efforts of the United States.

9 - Bureau (100-3-4) (Encl. 55)
(1 - 100-8029) (BETTY GANNETT TORMEY)
(1 - 100-39) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
(1 - 100-375166) (MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER)
(1 - 100-98594) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
(1 - 100-12583) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
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File No. Bufile 100-3-4

New York, New York

May 28, 1962

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District Communist Party
Internal Security - C

On May 27, 1962, confidential source A, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on May 24, 1962, a Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) Board meeting was held in the Silver Room of the Hotel Beacon, New York, New York. William Patterson was the Chairman and announced the agenda as follows:

1. Financial Report on "The Worker" by Betty Gannett.
2. 1962 Elections by William Albertson.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

Betty Gannett gave a brief report on the financial condition of "The Worker". She mentioned that most of the counties were not doing so well in fulfilling their quotas. The financial drive has to be finished by July 1, 1962. She advised that if anyone present knew of any individuals they could get donations from for the paper, they should immediately contact these persons.

William Albertson gave the main report on the 1962 elections. Albertson covered all the boroughs by reporting on the different potential candidates. He mentioned that Thomas Russell Jones, who is seeking election in the 17th AD Brooklyn on the Reform Democrat ticket should be supported by the Party. In fact, Albertson stated that the Party should support the Reform Democrats and if the Brotherhood Party runs any candidates the CP should also help support them. He added the CP will not run any candidates this year due to the situation concerning the Party and the McCarran Act.

Following the report a discussion by those present took place. Betty Gannett made the statement that the Party membership should get active in the Brotherhood Party and help build it up.

Others present at this meeting were Louis Weinstock, Mimi Friedlander and Arnold Johnson. They did not contribute anything pertinent to the discussion

It was announced that further discussion would be held on Albertson's report at the next CP, USA, NYD Board meeting.

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Date 5/28/62

On May 24, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed on the mezzanine floor of the Beacon Hotel, 75th Street and Broadway, New York, New York, between 6:45 pm and 7:30 pm.

On 5/24/62 at New York, New York File # 100-129629

by SA [redacted]:mcg ENCLOSURE Date dictated 5/25/62

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-1950

Enclosed find 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the subject's attendance at a CP meeting.

The informant furnishing the information is [redacted] b7D and is known to the Department as Source K.

This memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" because it contains information from a live informant who is furnishing information of value on a current basis. Disclosure of this information would impair the investigation of the CP in the NY area and such impairment would affect the defense interests of the US.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

65-38100

New York, New York

June 4, 1962

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act - 1950

Confidential source K, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 4, 1962, that William Albertson attended a meeting of the 11th AD Club of the Harlem Communist Party (CP) on June 1, 1962. The meeting was held at 141 West 111th Street, New York City. Albertson led the discussion concerning the coming New York elections and stated that he desired the members of the club to become active in Democratic Party clubs, as their purpose is to defeat Rockefeller. Albertson left after this discussion.

Sources of this Bureau whose identities are contained in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REPORT MADE BY

TYPED BY: lbb

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Part I of this report contains admissible evidence and Part II contains inadmissible evidence.

ALBERTSON was observed entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC, on dates and by agents as indicated:

Date	Agent
3/23	WILLIAM J. BARRON [redacted]
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3/29	WILLIAM J. BARRON
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4/2	WILLIAM J. BARRON [redacted]
4/4	WILLIAM J. BARRON [redacted]
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4/6	WILLIAM J. BARRON [redacted]
4/10	WILLIAM J. BARRON [redacted]
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Characterization of LOUIS WEINSTOCK

Characterization of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

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At New York, New York

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4. [x] A suitable photograph [x] is [ ] is not available.
5. [x] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [x] This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ _____ because (state reason)
it contains information from current active informants, NY T-1 through NY T-8 and from high confidential sources. Disclosure of these informants and sources would jeopardize the investigation of CP activities in the NYC which would be prejudicial to the national defense interests of the US.

8. [x] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 2/10/59 & 10/27/60.
[x] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
when he was interviewed on above dates, he gave no indication of cooperation.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [x] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
ALBERTSON is coordinator of the New York County CP and is in the employment of the New York District CP. (Instant Report)

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 6/28/62

Field Office File No.: NY 100-129629 Bureau File No.: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: ALBERTSON is Chairman, New York County CP Coordinating Committee and is employed by the New York District CP. Informants advised ALBERTSON attended meetings of the New York County CP Coordinating Committee on 3/15, 3/29, 4/5 and 5/3/62; attended CP club meetings 4/11, 4/27, 5/8 and 6/1/62; attended enlarged NEC CP, USA meeting on 5/10 - 13/62; attended a meeting on building "The Worker" on 4/17/62; was present at reception for Major TITOV on 5/10/62. ALBERTSON observed entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters at various times from 3/23 to 5/10/62.

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DETAILS

PART I

Employment and Communist Party (CP) Leadership Position

WILLIAM ALBERTSON is the chairman of the New York County CP Coordinating Committee and is in the employment of the New York District CP.

NY T-1
April 30, 1962

At a meeting of the Erie County CP Coordinating Committee held in Buffalo, New York, on March 11, 1962, BETTY GANNETT stated that the Erie County CP Coordinating Committee should operate like the leading body in New York City which is composed of BILL ALBERTSON, BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM PATTERSON and LOUIS WEINSTOCK.

NY T-2
March 12, 1962

"The Worker", September 24, 1961, page 11, column 5, refers to BETTY GANNETT as Educational and Organizational Director of the New York State CP.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist Party newspaper.

"The Worker", September 24, 1961, page 11, refers to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as Chairman of the New York State CP.

It was announced at a CP meeting held on November 5, 1961 in Buffalo, New York, that certain changes had been effected in the New York State CP leadership. Among these changes, it was stated that LOUIS WEINSTOCK is now the New York State CP Trade Union Secretary.

NY T-11
November 6, 1961

CP Meetings Attended

A meeting of the New York County CP Coordinating Committee was held in New York City on March 15, 1962. The agenda of this meeting included:

1. Good and Welfare (announcements)

2. Defense

3. Continued discussion of GUS HALL's report on the ultra-right.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who was present at this meeting, discussed the Madison Square Garden meeting of the ultra-right and the St. Nicholas meeting of the Americans for Democratic Action.

NY T-1
March 27, 1962

"The Worker", June 25, 1961, page two, identifies GUS HALL as General Secretary of the CP, USA.

A meeting of the New York County CP Coordinating Committee and guests was held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City, on March 29, 1962. WILLIAM ALBERTSON delivered a talk on the Mc Carran Act and what the CP intends to do in regard to the provisions of the act. He stated that "we" are winning the fight in the sense that the issue is such that more and more people will come to realize what the Mc Carran Act is. He stated that the CP, USA has been ordered to register as a political action organization and the CP refused to register. ALBERTSON also spoke on "The Worker" and the fact that the business staff and officers had been called to Washington, D. C. before the Federal Grand Jury.

NY T-1
April 3, 1962

At a meeting of the Manhattan County (New York County) CP Coordinating Committee held in New York City on April 5, 1962 WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the coming gubernatorial campaign in New York State. He stated that "our" comrades, all "we" can influence, must spend time talking and discussing with people to guarantee they will support and vote for MARK LANE, as a victory for LANE would be a tremendous victory for the whole progressive movement.

NY T-1
April 10, 1962

On April 11, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Upper 13th Assembly District (AD) Club of the Harlem CP, held at 87 Hamilton Place, New York City. During the meeting, ALBERTSON advised that the CP had agreed to pay the funeral expenses of the husband of one of its members. ALBERTSON also discussed security measures to be taken regarding future meeting places.

NY T-3
April 12, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present on April 27, 1962 at a meeting of the Upper 13th AD Club of the Harlem CP held at Bermuda Hall, New York City.

NY T-3
April 30, 1962

On May 3, 1962, following the New York County CP Coordinating Committee meeting, a meeting was held whereby a discussion was had on the proposed reorganization of the New York County CP. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at these meetings.

NY T -1
May 14, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Forbes Club, Lower East Side CP section, held at 226 East 12th Street, New York City on May 8, 1962. During this meeting ALBERTSON spoke briefly on the coming elections.

NY T-4
May 9, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a four day enlarged meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the CP, USA and invited guests held at National CP (U) Headquarters in New York City on May 10 - 13, 1962.

NY T-5
May 14 - 16, 1962

On May 15, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of CP club chairmen from Harlem and Washington Heights held at Bermuda Hall, New York City. ALBERTSON stated at this meeting that "leadership had proposed that Harlem and Washington Heights merge."

NY T-6
May 21, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of CP chairmen from the Harlem and Washington Heights CP section held in New York City on May 29, 1962. ALBERTSON took an active part in leading the discussion. Among the topics discussed were:

1. Possible merger of Harlem and Washington Heights CP.

2. The coming elections.

3. Publication of a monthly newspaper in Harlem.

NY T-6
May 31, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the 11th AD Club of the Harlem CP on June 1, 1962. ALBERTSON led the discussion concerning the coming New York elections and stated he desired the members of the club to become active in Democratic Party clubs, as their main purpose is to defeat ROCKEFELLER.

NY T-6
June 4, 1962

Miscellaneous Activity

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting on "building and circulation of 'The Worker' and 'Mid-Week Worker'" held in New York City on April 17, 1962. This meeting was by special invitation only.

NY T-7
April 8, 1962

NY T-4 and NY T-6 furnished substantially the same information as set forth above on April 18, 1962.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a reception for Major TITOV held at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on May 10, 1962. This reception was sponsored by the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship (NCASF).

NY T-8
May 15, 1962

The NCASF has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) entering and/or leaving CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City on various dates between March 23 and May 10, 1962.

PART II

CP Meetings Attended

On May 22, 1962, the members of the New York State CP Secretariat met at CP Headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON discussed the gubernatorial campaign at this meeting. He said that a write-in campaign for HALL and DAVIS, as discussed by one of the members present, could possibly boomerang. He said, however, they could make the statement that the Communist Control Act of 1954 prevents Communists from being on the ballot. He said that they should get several prominent people in the state to issue a statement against the Mc Carran Act and the Communist Control Act.

NY T-9
May 22, 1962

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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, on May 6, 1962, stated he is the National Secretary of the CP, USA.

NY T-12
May 7, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of leading CP functionaries held in CP Headquarters, New York City on May 23, 1962. During this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a report on the New York State elections.

NY T-10
May 23, 1962

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New York, New York
June 28, 1962

Title William Albertson

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 30 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a NYD CP Board meeting held 6/14/62.

Sources mentioned are [redacted] and [redacted] known to Department as Source A and Source U.

Memorandum classified ~~"Confidential"~~ to protect identity of source whose disclosure would be detrimental to the national defense interests of the United States.

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1 - NY (100-102320) (US VS. CP, USA) (415)
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100-3-4

June 18, 1962

Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District Communist Party
Internal Security - C

On June 18, 1962, confidential source A, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on June 14, 1962, a Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) Board meeting was held at 575 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York.

William Albertson reported on the Socialist Convention in Washington, D.C. which he recently attended. He stated that Gus Hall (General Secretary CP, USA) had sent a letter to the Socialists asking them to join with the CP in selecting political candidates who would support the civil liberties and peace issues. This letter was not read to the convention, but the Socialists rejected the letter, stating that the CP was not democratic enough in the United States. When they do become democratic enough, the Socialists will consider helping them.

The second item on the agenda was a report on the "School Question". This report dealt mainly with statistics and not with what the Party could do about the school situation in New York City. William Patterson, who was acting as Chairman of this meeting, announced that further discussion on what the Party can do in regard to the school question would be had at the next NYD Board meeting.

Others present at this meeting were Louis Weinstock, Betty Gannett Tormey and Miriam Friedlander. They did not contribute anything pertinent to the discussion.

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District Communist Party

On June 18, 1962, confidential source U, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the above meeting had taken place and the principal topics discussed were possible cooperation between the CP and the Socialists and the school situation in New York City.

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Source mentioned in memorandum is [redacted] known to the Department as Source A. b7D

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 5, 1962

Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District Communist Party
Internal Security - C

On June 4, 1962, confidential source A, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on May 31, 1962, a Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) Board meeting was held in the Hudson Room of the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West 23rd Street, New York, New York. William Patterson was the chairman and announced the only topic on the agenda as a discussion of the 1962 Elections by William Albertson.

Prior to the report the announcement was made that the Party had been informed by the local city press that the United States Government had requested that ten members of the Party be labeled as Communists and forced to register under the Internal Security Act of 1950. A statement was requested by the press but the Party refused. It was stated that the ten persons named had not been notified officially of this act. It was then stated that this was a good reason to make the June 7th Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties rally at the Manhattan Center, New York City a success.

William Albertson stated that a Spanish progressive paper would be printed and supported by the CP. A sample copy of the paper would appear in July with regular publication sometime after Labor Day and published bi-monthly.

William Albertson then reviewed the 1962 Election Report he had given at the May 24, 1962 NYD Board meeting. He listed certain areas of concentration in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx. These areas were where the Party should work the hardest to support the Reform Democratic Candidates. He stated that in the 17th Assembly District in Brooklyn Mayor Wagner had sent his emissary Ray Jones to tell Thomas Russel Jones that he should not run for District Leader and Assemblyman, but just for District Leader.

Following the report a discussion by those present took place, in which the majority supported the report.

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New York District Communist Party

The following proposals were made and passed by the NYD Board:

The Party
1. Should work to defeat Rockefeller
2. Should generally support all Reform Democratic Candidates.
3. Should work towards a state wide slate of Negro and Puerto Rican candidates.
4. Should help build and support the Brotherhood Party.
5. Should attempt to form a coalition with a progressive group and have them name and support one left-wing candidate, such as Gus Hall or Ben Davis.
6. Should have a genuine Peace candidate.
7. Should concentrate activity in the following boroughs:

   a. Bronx - 22nd and 23rd Congressional Districts
   b. Brooklyn - 17th and 15th Assembly Districts
   c. Manhattan - 13th Assembly District 20th Congressional District

Others present at this meeting were Louis Weinstock and Betty Gannett. They did not contribute anything pertinent to the discussion.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

July 9, 1962

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Attached are two copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 28, 1962, at New York, New York, on the captioned individual.

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For your additional information and assistance, certain of the "T" symbols utilized in this report relate to confidential informants who have previously been identified to you under alphabetical designation. They are as follows:

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T-8	R	(New York)
T-11	5E	(Buffalo)
T-12	W	(New York)

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The informant designated W (New York) has been released to the Department for testimony.

T-5 is a confidential informant furnishing information of extreme value and who is not available for interview or testimony. T-9 and T-10 are confidential investigative techniques.

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner DATE: July 10, 1962

FROM : E. B. Reddy EBR

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Attached is a copy of the petition filed by the Attorney General with the SACB on 5/31/62 requesting the Board to order William Albertson to register as a member of the CPUSA as provided by Section 8 (a) and (c) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

Also attached is a copy of the answer to the petition filed by Attorney Joseph Forer on 6/25/62.

A hearing in this case is tentatively set for September, 1962.

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Reddy to Baumgardner 7/10/62
Re: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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IN THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Docket No. I-1-62

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General of the United States,

Petitioner,

vs.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON,

Respondent.

On petition for an order to require William Albertson to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General as required by Section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, pursuant to Section 13(a).

The Attorney General respectfully represents to the Subversive Activities Control Board that there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the Communist Party or the organization, to register under Section 7(a) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Act) as a Communist-action organization; that such order became final on October 20, 1961; that pursuant to Section 13(k) of the Act such order was published in the Federal Register on October 21, 1961; that more than sixty days have elapsed

since such order became final; that such organization has not registered with the Attorney General nor has it filed a registration statement under Section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and that no officer thereof has registered for and on behalf of such organization or filed a registration statement for and on behalf of such organization as required by Section 7(h) of the Act and by the Attorney General's Regulations, 28 C.F.R., Section 11.205.

The Attorney General further respectfully represents to the Board that the respondent, a natural person, was at all timesmentioned herein, and continues to be, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization, and as such was required under Section 8(a) and (c) of the Act to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General on or before December 20, 1961, and that respondent has failed to do so and continues to fail to do so.

In support of this petition, the Attorney General alleges the following facts, based upon information and belief, relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, to wit:

I

During the months of January and February, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent made statements disclosing that he was a member of and that he was a functionary of the Communist Party.

II

During the months of December, 1961, and January and February, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent attended meetings of the Communist Party, the attendance at which was restricted to Communist Party members.

III

On or about December, 1959, the respondent was elected a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and from on or about January, 1960, to the date hereof has served as a member of the New York State Committee and the New York State Board of the Communist Party.

IV

During the months of January, and February, and April, 1962, the respondent discussed and imparted information regarding Communist Party policy and activities with members of the Communist Party.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that the Board enter an order against the respondent requiring him to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General as a member of a Communist-action organization in the manner required by the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert F. Kennedy
ROBERT F. KENNEDY
Attorney General

/s/ J. Walter Yeagley
J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General

/s/ Oran H. Waterman
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/s/ James A. Cronin, Jr.
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of the petition.

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, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the respondent above named and has read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of respondent's knowledge and belief.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of June, 1962.

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Notary Public

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John J. Abt,
[redacted]

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Joseph Forer,
[redacted]

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Attorneys for Respondent.

PROOF OF SERVICE

District of Columbia, SS:

Joseph Forer, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on the day of June, 1962, he served the foregoing answer by mailing a true copy thereof, registered mail, return receipt requested, to The Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.

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Joseph Forer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of June, 1962.

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Notary Public

City of Washington)
) ss:
District of Columbia)

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the petitioner above named; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true.

/s/Robert F. Kennedy
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Sworn to before me this
31st day of May, 1962

Evelyn G. Dodd
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 14, 1963

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In The Subversive Activities Control Board

Docket No.

Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General of the United States,

Petitioner,

v.

William Albertson

Respondent.

ANSWER

The respondent, answering the petition:

1. States that sections 8 and 13 of the Subversive Activities Control Act, on their face and as sought to be applied in this proceeding are unconstitutional in that they violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, which respondent hereby asserts, and the First Amendment, and deny respondent due process of law and trial by jury as required by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments and Art. III, sec. 2, cl. 3, and constitute a bill of attainder.

2. States that the petition fails to allege facts warranting issuance of the order prayed for.

3. Denies the allegation that the Communist Party of the United States of America is a Communist-action organization.

4. In reliance upon the privilege against self-incrimination, refuses to answer the allegation that respondent was and continues to be a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America and the allegations of paragraphs I to , inclusive,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-4)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25503)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NY DISTRICT
NY DIVISION
IS-C
(OO:NY)

Enclosed to Bureau are 25 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a NYD,CP board meeting held 6/23/62.

Source mentioned is [redacted], known to Department as Source A. b7D

Memorandum classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect identity of source whose disclosure would be detrimental to national defense interests.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 100-3

CONFIDENTIAL

New York, New York

June 29, 1962

Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District
Internal Security - C

On June 29, 1962, Confidential Source A, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on June 28, 1962, a Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) board meeting was held at Fraternal Club House, 110 West 48th Street, New York, New York.

William Albertson, who acted as chairman for this meeting, announced the agenda as follows:

1. Peace issue.
2. Negro-American Labor Council.
3. Hospital strike in New York.
4. School report.

Betty Gannett spoke on the Peace issue. She mentioned that the Women's Strike for Peace was having petitions signed which were to be presented at the political conventions in the fall demanding the end of atom bomb testing. She also mentioned that this issue was important and it should be discussed at the club level, and by the comrades in their mass organizations.

William Patterson then spoke on the Negro-American Labor Council (NALC) issue and stated he had met with one of its officials. He said that he had informed this official that the persons who had opposed the NALC leadership line and were accused of being CP members, were no longer members of the CP. In fact, this was one of the reasons they were dismissed from the Party. Patterson stated that the NALC line was good and the Party should and would support it.

Louis Weinstock spoke on the hospital strike in New York City at Beth El Hospital in Brooklyn and the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in Manhattan. He stated the Party

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New York District

should support this strike because people involved are low pay workers, mainly Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

Bill Albertson stated that the Party should collect food for those on strike and also CP members should show up on the picket line. Those present thought this was a good idea, but no formal action took place on this suggestion.

The final item on the agenda was a discussion on the school problem in New York. However, no proposals were set forth on this issue. Instead, it was recommended that the School Commission draw up a paper outlining the Party's policy on this issue.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

Enclosed find 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information re subject.

The source furnishing this information is [redacted] known to the Department as Source D.

This memorandum is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because it contains information from [redacted] an active informant who is furnishing information of value on a continuing basis. Disclosure of this informant would impair the investigation of the CP in the NYO which would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the US.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York

July 9, 1962

65-38100

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

Confidential source D, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 9, 1962, that William Albertson was the guest speaker and spoke on the forthcoming elections, at a meeting of the New York City Coordinators of the Communist Party, held at 417 East Fourth Street, New York City on July 6, 1962.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

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New York, New York
July 16, 1962

65-38100

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

Confidential source D, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 16, 1962, that a Communist Party class was held in Room 16B, Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, from approximately 7 p.m. to 10:40 p.m. at which William Albertson was the instructor. The topic was the "Role of the Communist Party." The above described meeting was held on July 13, 1962.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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Enclosed herewith are 25 copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to a meeting of the NYD CP Board held on 7/12/62.

The sources mentioned are [redacted] (known to Department as Source A) and [redacted] (known to Department as Source B).

Enclosed memorandum is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ to protect the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] who are furnishing current valuable information whose disclosure would be detrimental to the national defense interests of the US.

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(1 - 100-39) (WILLIAM PATTERSON)
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New York, New York

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July 16, 1962

100-3-4

Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District
Internal Security - C

On July 16, 1962, confidential source A, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on July 12, 1962, a Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) board meeting was held at 229 West 105th Street, New York, New York, Apartment 36.

The agenda was announced as follows:
1. Defense work.
2. Reassignment of Louis Weinstock.
3. Report on the National Assodation for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Mimi Friedlander gave a short report on defense work. She stated that the Party should support the political candidates who will openly take a stand against the McCarran Act. She stated that the work against the McCarran act is important and it should be introduced and discussed at all club meetings.

William Patterson then announced that Louis Weinstock would take over as Business Manager of "The Worker" after August 1, 1962. He stated that no successor has been picked to take over Weinstock's work in the Trade Union field.

Louis Weinstock stated that although he would be working mainly with the paper, he would maintain his ties with Industry.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

Ted Bassett, a member of CP, USA NYD Committee, then gave a report on the NAACP Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia recently. He stated that compared to the 1961 NAACP Convention

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District

the Party was not as well organized, and therefore contributed very little at the 1962 Convention. He also mentioned that the number of delegates to this convention had declined from 1700 to 1227 and that the NAACP had lost 8197 members.

Also present at this CP, USA NYD Board meeting was William Albertson, but he did not contribute anything pertinent to the discussion.

Confidential source B, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished substantially the same information on July 13, 1962.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 8/2/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-1950
(OO:NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith are four copies of the following:

1. "The Worker" dated 1/31/60, which on page 16 column 4 refers to WILLIAM ALBERTSON as organizational secretary of the New York State CP.

2. "The Worker" dated 2/14/60, which on page 16, column 5 refers to WILLIAM ALBERTSON as Secretary of the New York State Communist Party.

3. "The Worker" dated 6/12/60, which on page 12, column 1, refers to WILLIAM ALBERTSON as New York State Secretary of the Communist Party.

The above material is being forwarded to the Bureau pursuant to request of Department Attorney JAMES CRONIN, who made the request during a recent visit to the NYO. CRONIN indicated that the enclosed material might be used at a forthcoming SACB proceeding concerning ALBERTSON.

It is requested that three (3) copies of the enclosed items be forwarded to the Department, directed to the personal attention of Department Attorney JAMES CRONIN.

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Army Assaults Camp David; Ike Wavers

By JOSEPH NORTH

Appropriations time in Congress is notoriously the season when "enemy submarines are seen off the Jersey coast" and "menaces" are rife as admirals and generals vie for the defense bucks. But the current "missile-gap" shenanigans in Washington take place at a time that follows the Camp David agreements and precedes the May 16 summit conference. So the world surveys the appropriation hearings with greater concern than ever before.

Sen. Francis Case (R-SD) declared he had heard military appropriations requests for 20 years and "almost without exception, the period of these requests is marked by fears and alarms." He quoted a veteran member of the press gallery who had said, **"I haven't heard of a Russian submarine off the coast recently, but one will be sighted before long, no doubt."**

President Eisenhower last week was in tune with his September talks with Premier Khrushchev when he slapped down General Thomas S. Power, head of the Strategic Air Command, whose ideas sounded dangerously like preventive warfare. But the pressure of the Pentagon jingoes was reflected on Eisenhower when he shocked the world by proposing to hand over nuclear weapons to all the NATO allies. Which means Nazi generals in West Germany and Massu-type general in France.

INSTANT PROTESTS

Typical of opposing domestic reaction was the statement by a senior member of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Cal). He cautioned that giving the NATO allies nuclear bombs **"would increase the mathematical chances of a nuclear war." He urged the Administration not to try to accomplish its goal of handing the weapon over "thru subterfuge or a calculated program of deceit." The American people should "learn the dire portent of the step we take," he said.**

Gen. Power's war-hawk views ran into further disagreement from Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Twining told the Appropriations committee the Russians **"don't act like they are going to jump on the U.S."**

PUBLIC DISTRUST

The Wall Street Journal said that a national poll it conducted showed the public has "a lingering distrust of the motives of the military." Characteristic opinion of the majority was that of a Jacksonville, Fla., businessman who said, "I don't believe the military. They're trying to feather their own nest with greater spending."

SCIENTISTS PROTEST

Our nation's foremost nuclear scientists promptly told the world that such an act would be "catastrophic folly", and would "vir-

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Henry Winston Not Yet Out Of Danger

By JACK STACHEL

Henry Winston, Communist leader and great son of the Negro people, lies on his hospital bed at Montefiore Hospital still in serious condition.

He has undergone a major operation for a brain tumor. Only the great skill of the surgeon and Winston's indomitable will to live explain the miracle they are talking about. It was indeed "touch and go" more than once during the lengthy operation that followed his transfer to the New York hospital after months of neglect.

As this edition goes to press Henry Winston still has no vision in one eye, and only partial vision in the other. Whether the use of his legs will be restored has not been determined.

Winston is not yet out of danger. He has a hard fight ahead to regain his sight and use of his legs. Those responsible for his present condition stand even now in the way of his recovery.

For, even in his hospital bed Winston is in custody of the federal prison officers who sit outside his room. Every minute he is reminded that he is a prisoner, that when he recovers they will take him away again; away from his wife and children from whom he has already been separated for such a long, long time, and put him behind bars and prison walls.

It is not difficult to imagine what is running through his mind. He knows what prison means. He bears an added burden because of the discrimination against Negroes in prison, as well as outside.

Wire or write today to George J. Reed, chairman, Federal Board of Parole, 101 Indianapolis Ave., Washington, D. C. urging an immediate medical parole for Henry Winston — to give him a fair chance to recover.

Under such conditions is it not clear that the government, which is already responsible for endangering his life by the many months of neglect while he was

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AFRICA'S LAST BURDEN



— Neues Deutschland, Berlin

Meany Turns Spleen on Powell

GEORGE MEANY has done it again: last week he let loose a barrage of anger and insults at A. Clayton Powell, the Negro congressman of Harlem. The prospect that Powell will become chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee next year was declared "terrible, just terrible" by the AFL-CIO president.

Meany's racist-overtoned comment was made at a press conference in the Hotel Americana at Bal Harbour, Florida, where the AFL-CIO executive council is holding its midwinter session. The fat was already in the fire on relations between the Negro trade unionists and the top AFL-CIO heads before Meany spoke. His latest outburst dealt another serious blow to Negro-labor unity.

At the San Francisco AFL-CIO convention in September, during three rounds of debate over resolutions calling for an end of jimcrow policies inside labor, Meany shouted at A. Philip Randolph: "Who the hell appointed you champion of the Negro members of America" and he demanded that the sole Negro vice-president "get on the team" of the top leadership.

Also, a pamphlet defending the top AFL-CIO position, authored and circulated by Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the United Automobile Workers is vigorously denounced in the current issue of the "Black Worker", the paper of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Randolph's union. (See earlier story on page 4).

BACKS POWELL

Randolph, however, demonstrated again he will not play on the Meany team. He issued a statement at Bal Harbour declaring it will be "a good thing for Congress and the American public for Adam Clayton Powell to succeed to the chairmanship of the committee." He added that Powell "will be a distinct improvement over Rep. Barden" the retiring North Carolina Dixiecrat who has announced he will not run for re-election.

— See Editorial, Page 2

Powell is next in the seniority line for the important committee's chairmanship if the Democrats get a majority of Congress next November. Barden is among the worst in Congress on labor issues. He has often been denounced by labor leaders as a one-man blockade in the committee against bills favored by unions, and he has always given the green light to anti-labor bills.

Barden was one of the featured speakers at the NAM convention in New York in December, feted for his service to the employers.

POWELL'S RECORD

Of Powell's record Randolph said "I disagree with George Meany. Powell has a good record in voting on labor questions and civil rights."

Meany's language hardly differed from that of the Dixiecrats to whom a Negro as chairman of this key committee is by no means palatable. Meany said:

"He (Powell) carries on a hate campaign and it's terrible to think that we'll have a man like that as chairman of the House Labor Committee.

"I feel terrible, just terrible about it. I feel that way because of his congressional record, and that includes his absenteeism and his voting record, and because

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On the Peace Front:

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Warsaw Pact Nations Urge World Arms Cut — Page 3

Moscow Beat: The Cut In the Armed Forces — Page 5

The New Network Of U.S. Fascists — Page 7

Expect SRO Attendance at Carnegie Hall Next Friday

STANDING-ROOM-ONLY attendance is expected at Carnegie Hall, Friday night, Feb. 19, when The Worker commemorates Negro History Week and the paper's own 36th anniversary, with an outstanding group of speakers.

Widespread interest has been [illegible] Left and progressive circles in the scheduled speech at the rally of Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, noted Negro scholar who recently returned from an extensive tour that took him across Europe and Asia to China.

Other highlights of the rally will be the first major addresses by Gus Hall, since his recent election as general secretary of the Communist Party, and James E. Jackson, since his appointment as editor-in-chief of The Worker.

Hall will speak on the "Self-interest of white Americans in Negro liberation." His speech is expected to call for quickened activities in the city to win adequate civil rights legislation from this session of Congress, and to press the struggle in the field of unemployment, housing, and school segregation.

Jackson's talk will deal with the perspectives in the "Crucial 1960 elections." He will tell of the role that The Worker hopes to play in the election campaign, and will outline the paper's goals for circulation and financial support in the current drive.

The meaning of the recent outbreak of anti-Semitic actions will be discussed by Paul Novick, editor-in-chief of the Morning Freiheit.

Interest in the gathering has been heightened by the fact that this will be the last progressive rally to be held in Carnegie Hall, which is scheduled to be razed several weeks later to make way for an office building.

Welfare Budget Is Urged by CP

Outraged parents were scheduled to appear in Albany Wednesday to protest Governor Rockefeller's 1960 budget, which fails to provide for schools and ruthlessly slashes relief while piling up surpluses taken from workers' taxes to guarantee bankers' interest and bond payments

A mass lobby of parents was underway, sponsored by the United Parents Association, demanding that the State Legislature reject Rockefeller's refusal to increase state aid to education for N. Y. City. Rockefeller, continuing his policy of "soak the poor" taxes, is proposing that the burden of school financing be placed on local school boards. This means increased sales taxes, utility taxes and surcharges on income taxes.

RELIEF CUT

Rockefeller's austerity budget for the people, while guaranteeing quick payment at exorbitant interest rates to bankers and not touching the sky high profits of big real estate operators and insurance companies, contains an $11,600,000 slash in relief funds. This means a $6,319,000 slash in social welfare funds for N. Y. City. This is almost all of the cut of $7 millions in state aid to the city. This, on top of a comparable slash in the projected city expense budget for relief, reveals a two-pronged attack on already inadequate social welfare standards. The city's low wage rates and unemployment, falling most heavily on Negro and Puerto Rican families, have depressed living standards.

PICKPOCKET TAXES

Arnold Johnson, vice-president of the N. Y. State Communist Party, in a statement prepared for Wednesday's hearing, called Rockefeller's budget, based on a so-called "pay as you go" formula which postpones all socially necessary state aid projects: "**. . . a pickpocket tax system, picking the pockets of the workers and turning the loot over to the bankers.**"

Johnson demanded that the surpluses from Rockefeller's tax-the-poor program be turned over for use for schools, hospitals and housing, and that the taxes be repealed.

Johnson also pointed out that N. Y. City and other large urban centers get less money while suburban wealthy communities get more state aid. He charged that this discrimination against N. Y. City, with its large working class and Negro and Puerto Rican population, and which pays 63 percent of the total state taxes, was motivated both by a rich man's consideration for his own kind and partisan Republican tactics against Democrats.

He demanded the state legislature authorize a city tax on stock transfers, and assessment of real estate at its real value.

SCAD LEFT OUT

He accused the billionaire governor of "double talk" on discrimination, pointing out that the budget fails to provide for any adequate increase in funds for the State Committee Against Discrimination, which is hampered by lack of money and enforcement powers in acting against the continuing bias in jobs.

Johnson charged that the Governor was treating the 17 million people of the state as if they were workers to be squeezed to make a profit for the big corporation. He pointed out that the budget, while projecting punitive measures and work camps for youth, allocates less funds to the N.Y. City Youth Board.

Referring to the 1960 legislative policy statement of the Communist Party, Johnson projected a program for schools, hospitals, youth needs, and end to discrimination in all walks of life, and suggested methods of obtaining the funds through taxes on big business interests.

Hearing on Low Pay

Hearings by a City Council committee on low wages in N. Y., will open Feb. 17.

The hearings were authorized by a unanimous vote of the Council, which also urged federal and state minimums of $1.25.

N. Y. City ranks 19th among 20 cities in wage levels.

Be Informed.
Read the Worker

Davis Calls on Congressmen to Probe Lynching

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, national secretary of the Communist Party, challenged two Congress committees to investigate the lynching of Mack Charles Parker in Mississippi. One, the Senate Internal Security Committee and the other, the House Un-American Activities Committee, had subpenaed Davis.

Appearing before the Senate committee, Davis took the Fifth amendment, but again and again he demanded to know why the committee did not probe Parker's lynching. He also declared that Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss) was "one of the worst colored people's haters — and of the Jewish people as well." Eastland, he added, "ought to be thrown out of Congress."

Eastland, who heads the committee, was absent from the hearing, which was chaired by Sen. Kenneth Keating (R-NY).

At the hearing of the House committee, Davis declined to answer any questions, on the ground that the committee was illegal. But he shot this question at the House group: "Why don't you subpena his (Parker's) lynchers? No, you set yourself up as a judge to carry on your two-bit legal business.

"You claim to be so interested in youth. . . but you have done nothing about the conditions under which Negro, Puerto Rican and Jewish youth have to live."

Gus Hall, general secretary of the CP, who also appeared before the Senate committee under subpena, cited the First and Fifth amendments and challenged the committee's authority to interfere in a political party.

Sign Petitions to Run Puerto Rican

IGNORING community demands for advancing Negro and Puerto Rican representation, the Bronx Democratic machine has designated State Senator Jack Gilbert as its candidate for the special election March 8 for the Congress seat vacated by the election of former Congressman Isadore Dollinger as Bronx District Attorney.

Independent nominating petitions are being circulated for Sixto Laureano, a Puerto Rican attorney and civic leader, from 923 Westchester Ave., Bronx, (near the Prospect Park station.)

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Tenants Vote To Hold Mass Lobby March 1

Representatives of 44 tenant and people's organizations, meeting in emergency session last Saturday, voted a mass lobby to Albany March 1, against discrimination in housing, for rent control and for action against slum landlords.

Sixty delegates rallied to the call of the Metropolitan Council on Housing, with headquarters at the McBurney YMCA, 215 W. 23rd St., for action at this session of the state legislature. The conference, presided over by Juan Sanchez, Council president, heard a report by its legislative director, Mrs. Frances Goldin.

Negro and Puerto Rican representatives of tenant organizations, and labor spokesmen, backing the call for action, urged support for the Baker-Metcalfe Bill, which aims to outlaw bias in housing on a state-wide scale, but suggested the bill be extended to two-family houses, and include fines and imprisonment for landlords who discriminate.

They urged a prison lien law to permit the city to repair tenements and bill the landlords.

Tenants are also seeking better methods of relocation for families ousted to make way for projects, and greater tenant protection in public housing.

The issue of rent control, which comes up in the 1961 state legislature, was sneaked into this session through two bills seeking to decontrol vacant apartments and proposing a 15 percent boost. The bills, introduced by an upstate Republican, was sponsored by the reactionary United Taxpayers Party.

For the Negro people's civil rights. Help the Worker.

Rail Safety Rules Being Undermined by PSC

WITH DISREGARD to public safety standards and worker's jobs, the Public Service Commission is seeking N. Y. State legislation to repeal the 47-year old law requiring railroads to maintain full train crews.

The PSC, which just granted a $14 million rate increase to Consolidated Editon, now proposes to wipe out the jobs of 2,242 rail workers and further weaken safety standards.

The rail companies hope to add $14,700,000 to their profits by eliminating what they term "excess" workers.

Harold Hanover, New York State AFL-CIO president, told a legislative meeting of the railroad brotherhoods that the companies have been using a "substantial portion" of the $15 million they got in tax relief from Gov. Rockefeller for a publicity campaign to confuse the public on safety standards. Hanover charged that the rail executives have increased their number while in the last 37 years rail workers have decreased by one million. He cited increased speedup, and low pay.

Rail Profits

NEW YORK CENTRAL — Net income for 1959, $8,402,968; for "recession" year of 1958, $4,050,995.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO had a "bad" year in 1959 when its net income dropped from $52,000,000 in 1958 to $46,000,000.

For 1950 through 1959, class I railroads averaged $763 million in ANNUAL net income according to C. M. Roddewig, president of the Association of Western Railways.

Argue Albertson Case on March 1

The New York State Attorney General will argue March 1 before the Court of Appeals that William Albertson, Secretary of the New York State Communist Party, should be denied the unemployment insurance due him.

This action is an appeal against a recent decision of the Appellate Division which had reversed the State Attorney General.

The State Attorney contends the Communist Control Act outlaws the Communist Party and has deprived it of the right to be an employer, and that every CP employe is a participant in a criminal conspiracy.

Stephen C. Vladeck, of the American Civil Liberties Union, is Albertson's attorney. John J. Abt represents the CP.

The federal government continued to accept payments for the federal unemployment insurance fund from the national and N. Y. State Communist parties.

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Thousands at Union Sq. Urge Ike Act against Nazi Outrages

THOUSANDS in Union Square, in N. Y., Tuesday evening called, in a unanimous shout of approval, on President Eisenhower to act immediately and forcefully against the swelling menace of nazism.

They demanded, in adopting an "Appeal to Americans to stop the revival of Nazism and anti-semitism", that the President propose legislative and other action "against all pro-nazi, anti-semitic and racist organizations and individuals in the U.S."

The thousands in the square urged also in the "Appeal" that U.S. foreign policy be directed against the rebirth of Nazism in West Germany, against the rearmament of the Bonn regime, and against the rebuilding of the trusts and cartels there.

From shortly before 5 o'clock workers streamed into the Square from work, swelling to a mass estimated at 8,000 by the committee. For an hour and a half they cheered the speakers who pointed to the responsibility of U.S. foreign policy in permitting the rebirth of Nazism and anti-semitism.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein (D) who represents the 19th congressional district where the Square is located, regretted in a telegram from Washington his inability to be present. He quoted from a speech he had made on the House floor on Jan. 19 in which he decried the "lassitude" of the Eisenhower administration, and the passivity of Congress, in the face of the Nazi outrages. Mrs. June Gordon,

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Plan Negro Marches on Both Party Conventions

By GEORGE MORRIS

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, addressing a jammed Carnegie Hall testimonial in his honor and 70th birthday last Sunday night, announced he would call for mass marches, of the Negro people on both the Democratic and Republican party conventions next summer to press for "freedom NOW."

The announcement by Randolph of plans for the next marches on civil rights, almost at the end of the rousing rally, was unquestionably the high point of the evening, and the audience of 3,000 gave emphasis with cheers.

The "Salute to A. Philip Randolph", arranged by many Negro and labor organizations, became a giant rally for passage of an effective civil rights program in this session of Congress and a kickoff for political action on the issue in the presidential race. Harry Van Arsdale, president of the Central Labor Council, presided. Members of the arrangements committee estimated as many were turned away for lack of seats as would have filled Carnegie Hall a second time.

The array of speakers and guests seated on the platform and the many greetings gave evidence that the rally was estimated highly by the vote-conscious leaders of both parties.

WIRE FROM IKE

President Eisenhower's wire praised Randolph highly for his fight for civil rights and he added "there is more to do" in the "unfinished business" of civil rights.

Senator Javitz and Senator Humphrey, the latter a Democratic candidate for President, spoke strongly for an "effective" civil rights program. Also among the speakers were former Governor Harriman, Norman Thomas, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt who was introduced as the "eternal first lady." They all drew rousing ovations and cheers for every strong expression for civil right. But the innermost sentiment of that audience, 98 percent Negro, burst out the strongest for the speeches of the Negro leaders — Randolph, Rep. A. Clayton Powell, Dr. Martin Luther King — who repeatedly underscored

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WIRE NOW!



WINSTON

SHOCKING news comes at press time that Henry Winston, Smith Act prisoner, is dangerously ill and has been rushed from the Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind., to the Federal Prison Hospital at Springfield, Mo.

Winston has been ill for several months without proper medical attention at Terre Haute.

He has been jailed for over four years under the Smith Act frame-up sentence and continues in prison under an additional vindictive, four-year sentence for contempt of court.

Prison officials have denied his family the right to provide outside specialists for diagnosis and treatment.

Henry Winston's health, and his life itself, are imperiled by the negligence and burocratic callousness.

We urge our readers to WIRE ONCE your demand that Henry Winston be allowed the professional medical services of specialists which his family wishes to provide.

Demand the authorities end this shocking persecution and gross miscarrage of justice by granting an immediate medical parole to Winston.

Wire and write today to:

James V. Bennett, director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Department of Justice

Moon Modes



AT A CHILDREN'S party in Moscow's Kremlin, young spacemen exhibit togs the younger set will wear 'out there'.

Cubans Stand Firm as Threats Mount

(Special to the Worker)

HAVANA. — The people of Cuba, in many different ways, are manifesting their indestructible resolve to defend their sovereignty and their program for social betterment.

The threats of President Eisenhower, of Vice President Richard Nixon, and of senators and congressmen, and the recall of ambassador Philip Bonsal, have only steeled the will of Cuba's people.

(The week's pressure against Cuba culminated with Eisenhower's unusual step of making a personal statement which threatened economic "reprisals" at some possible future date. Though he avowed a hands-off policy, non-intervention in Cuba's affairs, he complained about land-reform when it is applied to big U.S. interests. Furthermore, his remarks joined the Batista-Trujillo red-baiting chorus — intervening in another country's affairs — by his gratuitous comments on "international communism", echoing the traditional false cry about "intrigue" to "destroy democracy", and efforts to damage U.S.-Cuban "friendship.")

The population from Santiago to Havana, in the straw bohios and in the sugar centrales, in the cities and in the universities, are well aware of developments in the U. S.

For one thing they read Henry Luce's magazine "Life" and the Readers Digest, in Spanish editions. Last week they lost patience when these magazines said Cuba "had met with such economic difficulties that the people had lost confidence" in the new government. And that the elimination of traitors was due to

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"the infiltration of Communists in the Cuban government." So the residents of Havana gathered up the current issues, carried them to a central spot in the city and burned them. News vendors have stopped selling "Life".

INTERVENTION DRIVE

Revolucion, organ of the July 26th movement, Hoy and other periodicals carried front page warnings that U.S. newspapers and magazines, together with Cuban counter-revolutionary papers, were stepping up their anti-Cuban propaganda campaign to "create the political conditions for armed intervention."

The newspapers of Cuba told their readers of the open letter in the New York Times last week which "shamelessly suggested" that the U. S. government launch a "diplomatic attack" on Cuba to turn it into a second Puerto Rico.

All this happened on the heels of the sensational episode wherein the Falangist Spanish ambassador broke into a speech Pre-

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Utility Hikes Stir Wide Protest

FAVORITISM by the Public Service Commission toward the Consolidated Edison Co. was blasted last week in the city and in Albany, and demands mounted for curbing the agency's grants of rate increases and power grabs to the giant utility.

Legislation to revoke the $14 million Con Ed rate increase is being introduced by Assemblyman Daniel M. Kelly of Manhattan. Kelly seeks to prohibit the PSC from granting temporary gas and electric rate increases.

Another Manhattan Assemblyman, Samuel A. Spiegal, proposes reorganization of the PSC and an investigation of its decisions.

Con Ed is seeking a $40 million increase, in addition to the recent $14 million hike.

Review of all utility boosts including proposals for a rollback are under consideration in bills proposed in the State Legislature.

HOUSING PROJECT

In the city's housing projects, 106,000 families are compelled to pay higher rates because of the Con Ed rate increase. William Reid, chairman of the N.Y. City Housing Authority, has charged that the hike will also mean higher welfare allowances.

Mayor Wagner declared that Con Ed was forcing the city to pay the back utility bills of families on relief.

The Mayor, who has ordered an appeal of the $14 million rate boost, is also seeking legislation in Albany to prevent Con Ed from turning off gas and electric services of families on relief because of failure to pay back bills.

"The basic needs of these families must be met regardless of past privately owned debts," the Mayor said.

In the meantime, Con Ed was planning a $60 million sale of preferred stock at 5.75 percent interest, as part of its $1.2 billion.

The move to strengthen the utility interests' stranglehold upon the public power in the Empire State has been encouraged by a committee appointed by Governor Rockefeller, which recommended that atomic power be taken over by the private utilities. Seven state electric power companies have banded together to extend their domination of public power and are reaching out into adjoining states for an even bigger power grab.

The Rockefeller committee also urged a decrease in the local property and franchise taxes on the utility companies.

At the same time, new bulk users of electric power will face another rate increase from Con Edison by May 31, as a result of another PSC ruling. While previous users of bulk electricity retain the old rates as a result of a freeze on conjunctional billing, all new schools, housing projects, hospitals face increases.



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Textile Union to Appeal

HENDERSON, N. C. — The Textile Workers Union of America moved to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court the conviction of eight officers and members for activity in the 14-month at Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills. The step was announced from the union's general headquarters in New York after the state's Supreme Court affirmed the conviction and long prison terms on a "bombing" charge although the alleged bombing did not even take place.

The union's attorneys are awaiting a ruling on a request for a stay of execution of the prison sentences, pending the appeal.

The state supreme court was unanimous in affirming the conviction of seven of the men, but in the case of Boyd E. Payton, regional director and a vice-president of the TWUA, Justice William A. Bobbitt dissented, declaring the evidence was "insufficient to support the verdict."

Hathaway Elected Head Of N. Y. State Communists

AT ITS INITIAL meeting over the weekend, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party elected a new leadership by an overwhelming majority vote. The officerss elected were:

Clarence Hathaway, chairman; William L. Patterson, vice-chairman; Arnold Johnson, vice-chairman; William Albertson, organizational secretary; Milton Rosen, labor secretary; Betty Gannett, education secretary; Esther Cantor, legislative secretary.

Hathaway succeeds Benjamin Davis, who had been elected national secretary of the Communist Party.

A state Board of 20 was also elected among whom were the elected officers and Evelyn Wiener, New York county organizer, James Tormey, King's county organizer, Mort Schrier, Buffalo organizer, and Louis Weinstock.

GOALS

Albertson outlined plans for the Worker's drive for funds and circulation. New York will begin its drive on Feb. 15 and it will run until June. Its goal is to increase the N. Y. circulation of The Worker by 1,000 additional newsstand sales and 1,000 subs or bundle orders.

The fund raising objective of the state is for $100,000. At the same time the State has pledged to increase the party membership by 10 percent.

Davis made the report on leadership.

"The state committee has elected a team of leaders without peer", Davis said. "Headed by Hathaway, Patterson and Johnson, our party in New York will become an even more effective influence in the developing struggles of the workers, the Negro people and Puerto Rican masses in our state."

Gus Hall, general secretary of the party, addressed the committee meeting and invoked the spirit of unity and enthusiasm which characterized both the state and national party convention. He stressed the need to master the mass line and style of work elaborated at the recent 17th Convention.

He called for expunging of the remaining shadows of factionalism so that all energies can be turned to unfolding the mass work for peace, peoples welfare, for Negro peoples' equality and against Puerto Rican discrimination.

BACKGROUND

Hathaway, the new chairman, is a charter member of the Communist Party and a former editor of The Daily Worker. He was for many years a leader in the machinist and electrical unions.

He is a former vice president of the Minnesota Federation of Labor.

Patterson is one of the foremost figures in the civil liberties struggles of the U.S. He has national honors in the struggle for Negro rights and edited the book, "Genocide". He is general manager of The Worker.

Johnson is widely known in peace and legislative circles. He was formerly the district organizer in Ohio and national legislative secretary.

The chairman and both vice-chairman are members of the national committe of the party.

China 3 Years Ahead of Schedule

People's China reported last week that the major goals of the Second Five-Year Plan, which began in 1958, had been fulfilled three years ahead of schedule.

The Hsinhua News Agency reported the value of industrial and agricultural production last year had increased 31.1 percent over the 1958 totals.

Grain output, though it failed to reach the 1959 goal, was 8 percent above 1958.

All major industrial goals for 1959 were surpassed.

People's China produced 13,350,000 metric tons of steel, compared with 8,000,000 in 1958.

Pig iron output increased 115 percent over 1958.

Hsinhua said that more than half the pig iron and a third of the steel had been produced by "small and medium-sized enterprises."

Coal production was 29 percent over 1958.

Investment in capital construction was 24.5 percent over 1958.

Cotton output was 14.76 percent over 1958, while textile mills produced 35 percent more than in 1958.

The national income increased 21.6 percent and the state revenue increased 29 percent.

Hsinhua pointed to a rise in average wages of factory and office workers of "around five percent" and increased state outlays for labor insurance funds, medical expenses, welfare funds and other "collective amenities."

"The average income of members of rural people's communes went up by around 10 percent," the agency said.

Harlem Rally Cheers Puerto Rican CP Leader

By MIKE NEWBERRY

EMBRACES and handclasps greeted Juan Santos Rivera, chairman of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico, at a rally on "Puerto Rican Independence" held last Saturday in East Harlem's Park Palace. Rivera was given a standing ovation, and his speech was interrupted at least a dozen times by applause and cries of "Viva!" from the audience of 100.

There has been a great change in Puerto Rico in the last few years, Rivera said. Industry, not agriculture, he pointed out, is now the major source of the island's income, and more than 700 factories have been built. But, he added, the new factories are owned by "absentee imperialists" who not only do not live on the island but whose profits are tax-free and are taken from the island. Wages, he said, are barely 60 percent of those in the U.S. for the workers, who are mostly young people from the mountains.

Not only are wages lower but prices are higher, he stressed, citing shoes, which are $5 in N.Y. and $7.50 in Puerto Rico.

The independence of Puerto Rico from colonial economics, Rivera said, is the only solution.

Government officialdom is planning a plebiscite in Puerto Rico, he said, on statehood or Commonwealth status, and "it is possible that Washington may decide to give Puerto Rico statehood to behead the independence movement."

Those who believe in genuine independence, he warned, are being persecuted and silenced. The Puerto Rican Independence Party has already declared it will boycott the plebiscite.

The conference of "The Movement for the Independence of Puerto Rico", held in Ponce last autumn, was a long step toward the unity of all those who are fighting for independence, he said.

Rivera, as the leader of the Puerto Rican Communists, was elected to the executive committee of this Independence Movement.

"The U.S. faces a Latin American revolution", Rivera went on to say, "that has begun in Cuba."

The people of Puerto Rico "have their greatest ally", he concluded, "in the Communist Party of the U. S."

Earlier at the rally, Jesus Colon, "Worker" columnist, spoke of the need to revitalize progressive activity in the Puerto Rican community.

Jack Stachel, of the national committee of the U.S. Communist Party, and Evelyn Wiener, who brought greetings and a gift from the Manhattan County Committee of the party, also addressed the rally. The gift inspired an impromptu donation of $105 to the Puerto Rican Communist Party from members of the audience.



RIVERA

To Report on Tour

Louis Weinstock, former secretary-treasurer of District council 9 of the AFL Painters, will tell of his experiences in West and East Europe, at a meeting Saturday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., in room 10B.

Weinstock, who spent some time in Moscow, Leningrad and Stalingrad on his extended 2-month European trip, will report on housing, wages, working conditions and automation in the Soviet Union and the people's democracies.

UnAmericans Subpena Youths

Five young New Yorkers, two Chicago youths, and Benjamin J. Davis, national secretary of the Communist Party, have been subpenaed to appear before the House UnAmerican committee in Washington, D.C., Feb. 2-5. The five New Yorkers are Joanne Grant, Fred Jerome, Allan McGowan, Paul Robeson, Jr. and Jacob Rosen.

A protest rally has been called for Sunday night, Jan. 31 at the Fraternal Club House, at 110 W. 48 St., near Sixth Ave., at 8 p.m.

Busloads of young people will go to Washington Wednesday morning, leaving at 6 a.m., to protest the hearing, Rosen said.

"Those wishing to join in the action should call OX 5-2863," he said.

The youth summoned have attended the world youth festivals during the past six years. Rosen called the subpenas "an attack on the 'spirit of Camp David'."

He described the hearings as an "attempt to revive McCarthyism" and the "system of guilt by accusation."

He said the young people "have no intention of cooperating with the committee in its attempt to smear all those who want a peaceful world."

It's a date. Celebrate Negro History Week, Friday, Feb. 19, Carnegie Hall

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By DANIEL MASON

IN AN ALLOUT effort to clear the way for an agreement on disarmament with the U. S. and the other capitalist powers, the Soviet Union last Tuesday presented proposals to the 10-nation East-West conference at Geneva which meet the objections raised by the U. S. and go even further.

The new plan, which was offered by Valerian Zorin, chief Soviet delegate, calls for completely controlled disarmament to be accomplished in three stages. The first step would be the destruction of the means of delivering nuclear weapons and the liquidation of all foreign bases from which the nuclear weapons may be dispatched.

These were the same proposals that had been sent to the heads of governments of all the nations by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev a week ago Thursday. An accompanying message declared: "Our new proposals, in which regulations on control have been formulated in detail, are yet further proof that the Soviet Union is in favor of a rigid and effective control over disarmament."

500 REPORTERS

In a press conference the following day, which was attended by more than 500 reporters, Khrushchev appealed to the Western powers for "understanding and support" of the new disarmament plan. It was this plan he had hoped to present at the aborted summit meet.

Initial reactions by the Eisenhower administration indicate fears of the impact on world opinion of the new Soviet disarmament plan and hint at moves to throw roadblocks in the way of agreement with the USSR. A New York Times dispatch from Geneva claims that the Western delegates consider the "plan contains provisions basically dangerous to Western security."

As has been the case in previous negotiations when the Soviet Union has agreed to meet objections raised by the U.S., Washington now apparently is seeking ways to crawl out of agreement on its own proposals as assented to by the USSR. Questions are being raised throughout the world concerning Washington's sincerity in its profession of a desire for disarmament.

UP TO WASHINGTON

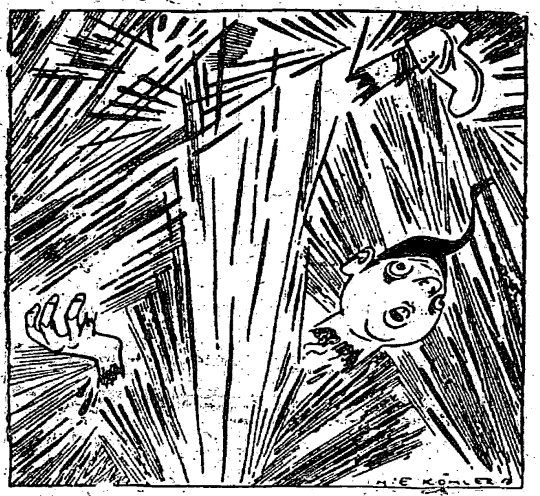
A comparison of the new Soviet proposals with the objections originally raised by the U.S. delegates at Geneva and the U. S. counterproposals shows how far Soviet Union has gone in its efforts to achieve agreement on disarmament. They also demonstrate how close the world would be to disarmament and its guarantee of peace if Washington will show any willingness.

The original proposals pre-

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EASTBOURNE, England. — The annual convention of the 150,000-member National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper Workers meeting here unanimously called for the immediate withdrawal of all U. S. bases and troops from British soil.

The Last Question



But what is this? A strategic or just a tactical nuclear bomb?

— From the Woodworkers Paper, organ of the Federation of Woodworkers of Western Germany.

No Other Way

DEAR READERS:

You have $32,000 more to raise to meet your promise to give or cause to be given the bare minimum of the $60,000 goal of the current fund drive.

Won't you really go to work on this in earnest every day between now and July 4?

Since there is no other alternative we must raise the bulk of this sum within the next weeks.

This means raising the same amount every week as was raised thus far in the drive every month. This means stepping up the tempo fourfold.

Our confidence in the dedication of our readers to our paper is unbounded. We know you will not leave us hurting. But frankly, right now we are worried. Hurry, please!

Sincerely yours,

James E. Jackson, Editor

Pickets Fight Broadway Dim-Out

By MIKE NEWBERRY

DRAMA of social significance returned to Broadway, as actors picketed beneath the dimmed marquees of the once bright White Way.

"LOCKOUT!", the pickets yelled.

Performers of the musical, "Destry Rides Again", displayed a blunt sign: "THIS IS NOT A STRIKE — THIS IS A SHUT-OUT!" Up and down Broadway, stars echoed this denunciation of the landords and producers who shut the theatres to intimidate the actors into dropping their demands for decent working conditions, pensions, and higher minimums.

Ralph Bellamy, president of Actors' Equity, had declared that union-busting was behind the lockout.

Leaflets charged that the New York League of Theatres "has blacked out Broadway" with "callous disregard of the public welfare."

RATS IN DRESSING ROOMS

One of the most sought after demands is "a set of specific safe and sanitary standards."

Rats have been seen in dressing rooms of N.Y. theatres, the furry, not the financial kind, Bellamy has said.

Filthy washrooms, faulty sewage, and unwashed quarters create a depressing and unhealthy backstage. Theatres out of town are "rat infested. . . unhealthy. . . . dirty," Bellamy added.

Brian Aherne, the actor, further described these disgusting conditions. "There hasn't been a new theatre built on Broadway, I believe, in 40 years," he said.

Conditions such as these exist despite the producers' huge box office take, which from 1949 to 1959, just for Broadway and touring shows, equaled $332,900,000. Of that, some $59,799,500 was gathered from the box offices in the 1958-59 season. Broadway box offices alone rang up $37,154,500 in that year.

What price rats?

UNEMPLOYMENT

"Show Business" magazine has charged that "the callous attitude of producers and theatre owners toward actors is beyond belief."

"This contemptuous attitude to the arts and artists has long been well known," says "Show Business", "but how about their attitude to human beings who struggle all their lives for a bare living and wind up without any security of any kind?"

The magazine goes on to say that there is "90 percent continuous unemployment in Actors' Equity."

Of the 11,000 professional actors in Equity barely 1,000 were employed on Broadway at the time of the lockout.

Those actors lucky enough to find jobs usually earn a minimum. Extras earn $50 a week. summer theatres pay from $65 to $85, and the choruses on Broadway itself $103.50. Of course even these salaries have to be weighed against months of unemployment every year.

One locked-out actor told me he had not been in a hit play in 10 years.

Of Actors' Equity male membership, 46 percent are married, and of the women 40 percent. Of the married women, 62 percent have children to support.

Pensions and higher minimums that Equity is demanding are an attempt to get a miniscule of security for its members.

THEATRE MONOPOLY

Rumors indicate the big producers and real estate operators may have deliberately forced the crisis.

Eleven shows on Broadway were set to close in a few weeks anyway.

Few of the famous Broadway producers are taking part in the struggle. Many have privately indicated to Equity they will agree with its requests.

President of the League of New York Theatres, which "represents" the producers, is Louis Lotito, who actually represents the City Investing Corp., a tenement and slum landlord outfit, which owns and operates six theatres. City Investing and the Shubert interests, who control 12 theatres, are the real powers behind the lockout.

Unlike the producers, whose success depends on whether a play is a "hit," the theatre owners are guaranteed their rental fee. Rents for Broadway theatres usually are about 30 percent of the box office gross.

Of the box office take in 1959, the theatre owners took $10,000,000.

Since theatres are so scarce on Broadway, with only twenty-two in use, the landlords can, and do, force producers to bide the time and do their bidding. Real estate operators, not producers, really run the shows, and it is they who may have padlocked the stagedoors.

URGE THIRD PARTY

CHICAGO. — The convention of the United Packinghouse Workers after debate passed a resolution calling for formation of a third party because it is becoming "increasingly evident" labor cannot get consideration from existing parties.

The resolution calls on the AFL-CIO to "call a conference to investigate the possibility of and give serious thought to the development of an independent political force in America." President Ralph Helstein, favoring the resolution, said it did not mean immediate formation of such a party.

(More convention news in Midwest pages.)

CP Urges Ike Abandon Trip to Japan

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No More X's on Windows, Say Yorkville Tenant Pickets

"No More Crosses On The Windows!" shouted Yorkville tenants, four hundred strong, as they angrily marched to Mayor Wagner's official residence in Gracie Square to protest the combination of real estate profiteering and municipal indifference that are wrecking their old neighborhood.

Crosses, in white paint, are splashed on windows of tenements marked for demolition. The crosses have become a hated symbol.

In a dismal Saturday afternoon rain the tenants marched for seven blocks through the heart of Yorkville to the Mayor's Mansion. Many elderly people were among the marchers.

Earlier they and their neighbors had attended a big outdoor rally on Second Avenue and 85th Street sponsored by the Save Our Homes Committee of Yorkville. Under the meager cover of umbrellas and newspapers hundreds of tenants stood in the rain for two hours to hear community leaders insist that the City do something to assist the dispossessed and halt the evictions in the neighborhood.

Police had to block off 85th Street to accommodate the determined crowds.

"In nine years", the Save Our Homes Committee stated, "more than 15,000 families have been driven from their Yorkville homes to make way for luxury housing. Thousands of the dispossessed have had no place to go."

Mrs. Jane Benedict, Secretary of the Committee, told the rally that sites were available for low and middle income housing if the city would take action on obtaining them. Housing that ordinary people could afford was the only way to stop the destruction of Yorkville and communities elsewhere, she said.

Elder citizens, some of whom had lived in the neighborhood for forty years, were especially hard hit by the wrecking of old homes, Mrs. Benedict said. Special care should be given these old residents.

Tenants who are evicted, Mrs. Benedict said, should be given the same benefits and protection that the Commercial Law provides for businesses that are forced to move. Landlords must, by law, guarantee their fellow businessmen equal relocation and a comfortable moving allowance. Similar consideration should be given tenants, the tenant's leader said.

"NO MORE EVICTIONS"

Mayor Robert Wagner, who was born and grew up in the neighborhood, sent a personal message to the Yorkville Save Our Homes Committee, the day before the rally, belatedly reiterating his announced support of fairer relocation procedures.

Yet, when the wet, angry marchers reached the Mayor's Mansion — the Mayor was not in. His Honor, it was reported, had gone to Kentucky.

Undaunted by this the tenants paraded back and forth in protest before the high, wrought iron gates of the Mayoral effrontry. They yelled through the bars; "Save Our Homes!" and "No More Evictions!" and "No More Crosses On The Windows!"

Progressives Spurred By Primary Victories

GRASS ROOTS insurgents dealt Tammany boss Carmine DeSapio a stunning defeat in N. Y. primaries as voters' demands for a liberal Democratic Party and support for Stevenson for President snowed under the old-line machine in Manhattan.

This was highlighted at the victory celebration of William F. Ryan, insurgent Democratic candidate for Congress in the 20th C.D., and Manfred Ohrenstein, candidate in the 25th State Senatorial district, on Manhattan's West Side.

In Harlem, the leadership team of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell was victorious.

The victory against the DeSapio machine extended into the East Side, where Mark Lane and Charles Lieber won the 10th and eighth assembly district nominations, and into DeSapio's own area in Greenwich Village, where his candidates for state committee were trounced.

STEVENSON SUPPORT

Herbert H. Lehman, who together with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt sparked the victory of the Committee for Democratic Voters, has demanded that DeSapio resign as Democratic national committee member. Lehman predicted the machine would not be able to control the N. Y. delegation and there would be "considerable Stevenson support."

Ryan, at his victory celebration over incumbent Congressman Ludwig Teller, declared that if elected he would urge "real disarmament, no nuclear war, and an end to the abuses of Title I housing".

Ohrenstein attributed his victory to the fight for a "new deal" in the Democratic Party and his exposure of the record of his opponent, State Senator John H. Farrell, who, he said, was "not a liberal, and voted for a state security law and loyalty oaths in housing". The people "don't want McCarthyism," Ohrenstein said.

Irving M. Engel, executive chairman of the Committee for Democratic Voters, said the victory represented the will of the "young, aggressive, liberal elements". He said the aim was to present "a liberal perspective" to the "conservative perspective" represented by Gov. Rockefeller. He, too, declared he was for Stevenson, and announced that the insurgent movement was preparing for the 1961 mayoralty campaign.

Ryan won despite the intervention of the Liberal Party, which in an unprecedented action supported Teller.

In two areas, where Negro representation was involved, there was a strong showing by the insurgents. In Brooklyn's 17th A.D., Thomas R. Jones, Negro attorney, with union support, established a new independent movement and made a strong fight in the Democratic race, getting 40 percent of the vote.

In the Bronx, the Buckley machine maintained itself in power against Mrs. Anne Arnold Hedgeman, Negro candidate for Congress.

Hospital Bosses Try McCarthyism

The anti-union managers of the Greater New York Hospital Association, facing a strike for refusing to bargain with Drug and Hospital Employes, Local 1199, invoked McCarthyism against the union's leaders as their final refugee.

Balloting at seven of the affected voluntary hospitals showed an overwhelming vote for a strike. A strike date by the union appeared to be the next stage of the struggle in view of a flat refusal by the Association leaders to bargain, which is just where matters stood before last year's militant strike of the workers affected.

The Association launched an attack on Leon Davis, president of the union, on the basis of his recourse to constitutional privilledge in 1948 when he and others of his union were questioned by a House sub-committee on alleged relations with Communists.

The Association drew on the 1948 hearings with the apparent encouragement from another flareup on a similar issue affecting the union's bid for recognition as bargainer for some 120 pharmacists in four City departments.

The application for those pharmacists, more than 100 of whom are members of Local 1199, was made March, 1959. The application of the union was turned over to Louis L. Kaplan, city investigation commissioner. Davis and his fellow officers, who were asked to appear for questioning regarding their views on "Communism", refused to do so on the ground that their personal beliefs did not come within the authority of the committee. Certification as bargainer for the workers was, therefore, refused.

Local 1199 officers had submitted Taft-Hartley non-Communist affidavits through all the years since 1948, but had never been challenged. The union indicated that its bid as bargainer for the city pharmacists will be renistated.

Moische Katz Dies at Age of 75

Moische Katz, 75, foreign editor and a founder of the New York Jewish daily, the Morning Freiheit, died suddenly in Moscow last week of pneumonia while visiting his daughter, Miriam. He had left for Moscow by plane on May 26 accompanied by his wife, Esther. He had suffered a severe heart condition for years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday under the auspices of the Writers Union of the Soviet Union. In a telegram to the Morning Freiheit, the Writers Union expressed its deepest condolences.

Katz was born near Minsk, Russia. He had been active in the Socialist and Socialist-Zionist movements in that country and in Poland before coming to the United States in 1913.

The next year, Katz became assistant editor of the Jewish daily, Der Tag. He returned to Russia in June, 1917, to become editor of a Jewish daily newspaper in Kiev, New Times. In 1920, he joined The Jewish Daily Forward here.

A founding member of the Yiddish Kultur Farband (Jewish Cultural Alliance), he was on its executive board and a frequent contributor to its monthly journal, Yiddish Kultur and its quarterly publication, Zamlungen (Collected Writings), of which he was co-editor.

His books included biographies of I. L. Peretz, Sholem Aleichem and Lenin, as well as "A Generation Which Lost Its Fear — Memoirs of 1905."

Besides his daughter and wife, he leaves a son, Lyber, and a grandchild.

Cuba Gives Haven To Santiago Family

Mrs. Jo Ann Santiago, 37, mother of three American-born children and wife of Jose Santiago, a Puerto Rican, was deported to Cuba last week.

Political asylum was given to the Santiago family by the Cuban government.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service ordered Mrs. Santiago, who came to the U.S. from Canada in 1928 at the age of six, deported for "communist" activities.

Deny CP Appeal on Jobless Pay

The New York State Court of Appeals last week ruled by 4 to 2 that the federal Communist Control Act of 1954 was constitutional. This decision was made in the unemployment insurance case of William Albertson, New York State Secretary of the Communist Party, and the Communist Parties of the U.S.A. and of New York State.

In the majority opinion written by Judge C. Desmond, the judges upheld the refusal by the States' Industrial Commissioner to accept unemployment insurance taxes from the Communist Parties of the U.S.A. and New York State as of March 26, 1957. As part of this decision, Albertson was granted his overdue unemployment insurance benefits on the basis that his employment by the Communist Party U.S.A. and subsequent termination of employment took place prior to that date.

Judge Fuld in dissenting from the majority of the court stated:

"In the first place, it is significant that the federal authorities, admittedly aware of the Industrial Commissioner's position, have taken one diametrically opposed and continue to recognize the Communist Party as an employer subject to the Federal (Unemployment Insurance) Act . . . . In the second place, the Communist Control Act, relied upon by the Commissioner may not in any event be read to support the determination which he made in this case . . .

"In short, a determination by the federal authorities that, despite the Federal Communist Control Act, the Communist Party is an employer subject to registration and tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (U. S. Code, tit. 26, 3301 et seq.), requires a like decision by the Industrial Commissioner. Even were this not so, however, I would nevertheless, regard the Commissioner's ruling as unreasonable since it rests on a mistaken reading of the Communist Control Act."

John J. Abt, attorney in this matter for the Communist Parties of the U.S.A. and New York State indicated that he was studying this decision to establish the basis for eliminating this McCarthyite ruling from New York State's administrative procedures, as well as to have the Communist Control Act of 1954 found unconstitutional. William Albertson was represented by Stephen C. Vladeck of Vladeck and Elias, assigned to the case by the American Civil Liberties Union.

'Slum Clearance' Report Offers Little Hope

The new Housing and Redevelopment Board has issued the first of a series of report on slum clearance. While this report contains the revision of a number of bad practices in the operation of Title I projects, the basic charge that the housing operation is "People Clearance" rather than slum clearance still remains.

However, as a result of mass pressure and the militant organizations of tenants a number of concessions were won, such as the temporary dropping of the proposed Cooper Square and Chelsea projects in Manhattan, as well as Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn and Soundview in the Bronx. But "people clearance" continues from low-rent housing for publicly subsidized and privately owned developments as in Bellevue South in the East Side ow Manhattan are being continued.

The Committee also announced that it seeks to eliminate secret bidding; arbitrary selection of sites for "slum clearance", no consultation with community representatives. Mr. Davis, the Chairman of the Committee announced that bidding will be open, sites will be selected with consultation of community representatives and more consideration given to the relocation of small business men.

The report states, "regardless of what we do, some individuals, families and businesses will be inconvenienced, uprooted and adversely affected by urban renewal". An analysis of the recommendations of Mr. Davis indicates, however, that the number of people thrown out of homes will be nearly as great as under the old slum clearance committee. The result will therefore be further increase of the density of slums, since no project recommended for approval by Mr. Davis includes low-or low-middle income rentals on any of the sites.

The report's approval of a whole number of projects indicates that the philosophy of Mr. Davies is but slightly better than that of Mr. Moses, since he does not indicate that communities should be rebuilt for the people living in them, but recommends the construction, with public help, of so-called private middle income rental apartments and cooperatives where tenants have to pay from $650 to $800 per room, with rents from $25 per room per month and up. Thus the attack on housing for working people and especially Negro and Puerto Rican people continues.

Tenants of Chelsea and Cooper Square welcomed the fact that the projects planned by Moses for their areas have not been approved by the Davis report, but both the Chelsea Save Our Homes and Businesses Committee and the Cooper Square Community Development Committee have pointed out that the effect of the Davis recommendation is only temporary, since the report does not promise that a year from now there will not be a similar threat of dislocation for a high-rent project.

Fact sheets issued by the Cooper Square committee point out that the area on the East Side is an open community — there is no discrimination against Negro and Puerto Rican tenants as far as rentals are concerned, although it is shown by their surveys that many of them pay more rent than the apartments they occupy warrant. The cooperative housing initially planned for the area, says the committee would drive these tenants out of the community, into worse, sub standard housing and would create a situation of built-in discrimination and segregation because the present site tenants cannot afford to pay an initial investment of $650 per room.

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Enclosed are three Photostats each of the following documents pertaining to William Albertson:

1. "The Worker" dated January 31, 1960, which on page sixteen, column four, refers to William Albertson as Organizational Secretary of the New York State Communist Party.

2. "The Worker" dated February 14, 1960, which on page sixteen, column five, refers to William Albertson as Secretary of the New York State Communist Party.

3. "The Worker" dated June 12, 1960, which on page twelve, column one, refers to William Albertson as New York State Secretary of the Communist Party.

These Photostats are forwarded to you pursuant to the oral request made by Department Attorney James Cronin to our New York Office. Mr. Cronin indicated these Photostats may be used in connection with the forthcoming proceedings regarding the subject before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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Attached are two copies of a memorandum dated August 1, 1962, at New York, New York, concerning William Albertson's attendance at an enlarged meeting of the Harlem and Washington Heights Communist Party in New York City on July 31, 1962.

The information in this memorandum was furnished by the confidential informant known to the Department as "K" (New York).

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Enclosed find 5 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information regarding ALBERTSON's attendance at a CP meeting.

The source furnishing the information is [redacted] known to the Department as Confidential Source K. b7D

This memorandum is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because it contains information from a live informant currently furnishing information of value in the Internal Security field. Disclosure of this informant would jeopardize the effectiveness of this informant which would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the United States.

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Re: William Albertson
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 1, 1962, that William Albertson attended an enlarged coordinators committee meeting of the Harlem and Washington Heights Communist Party (CP) on July 31, 1962. The meeting was held to discuss the running of a candidate for State Assembly from the 13th AD. Albertson led the discussion and appeared to be in charge of the meeting.

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Part I of this report contains admissible evidence and Part II contains inadmissible evidence.

The agents who observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON entering the residence 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY, NEIL P. DIVERS and [redacted]

The Special Agents who observed ALBERTSON through a window in a room on the second floor of the Brighton Community Center on 6/19/62, were [redacted] and JOSEPH T. O'LEARY.

ALBERTSON was observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on dates and by agents as indicated:

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis:

ALBERTSON resides at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Sources advised that ALBERTSON attended meetings of the CP, USA, NC, on 5/10 - 13/62, CP, USA Negro Commission, on 6/22/62, CP, USA National and District leadership on 6/22 - 24/62; attended meeting of NY District CP Secretariat on 6/28/62, attended meetings NY District CP Board on 5/24, 5/31, 6/14, 6/28 and 7/12/62; attended meeting NY County Coordinating Committee of CP on 5/3/62; attended Kings County CP Council on 6/19/62; attended meeting of Upper 13th A. D. Club of CP and 11th A. D. Club, Harlem CP; attended meeting of NYC CP youth coordinators and meeting of Lower Manhattan CP Youth Club; [redacted] at CP class on 7/13/62; attended a rally sponsored by CCCL. Observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters on numerous occasions from 5/11/62 to 6/27/62.

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PART I

Residence

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) entering his residence located at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on August 8, 1962.

Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

National

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present during a meeting of the CP, USA National Committee members and invited CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, New York City, on May 10 - 13, 1962.

NY T-1
May 16, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended an enlarged meeting of the National Negro Commission of the CP, USA, held at CP headquarters, New York City, on June 22, 1962. The main topic discussed at this meeting was "Building the Party".

NY T-2
June 22, 1962

An enlarged meeting of the CP, USA National and District leadership and other invitees was held at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, on June 22 - 24, 1962, under the guise of a meeting of the Gus Hall - Ben Davis Defense Committee. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present for all sessions of this meeting and at the June 23, 1962 session, ALBERTSON spoke briefly on the New York State political situation.

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NY T-3
June 26 - 28, 1962

NY T-1 on July 3, 1962, NY T-2, on June 23 - 24, 1962, NY T-4, on June 23 - 25, 1962 and NY T-5, on June 27 - 30, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

A characterization of "The Gus Hall - Benjamin J. Davis Defense Committee" may be found in the Appendix section of this report.

State and County

A meeting of the New York County Coordinating Committee of the CP was held on May 3, 1962, in New York City. WILLIAM

ALBERTSON spoke on the Party defense. He stated that "we" propose a special fund drive for the Hall - Davis Defense Committee. There will be a campaign for $100,000.00 to be used to pay accumulated legal expenses so far, legal expenses on current cases and the necessary expenses for distributing material for the Hall - Davis Committee to get out in the near future. "We" urge every Party member to raise or contribute a $10.00 bill. That would make $20,000.00 in New York. "We" plan a mass meeting under the auspices of the CP on June 7th, at Manhattan Center for the main purpose of giving expression to the fight of the action organization defendants HALL - DAVIS and to the Party itself. If the Party wins the battle in the courts, the "front" cases will fall by the wayside and the "infiltration" cases will also collapse. This will be the first mass meeting organized by the Party and will be a powerful demonstration for the Party as well as against the Mc Carran Act. With about 1800 members in the Party, "we" must get 4000 into the hall. The Hall - Davis Committee has nothing to do with this meeting except to support it.

NY T-7
May 14, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the 1962 elections at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held on May 24, 1962, in New York City. ALBERTSON stated that the Party should support the reformed democrats and the Brotherhood Party. He stated the CP would not run a candidate this year due to the situation concerning the Party and the Mc Carran Act.

NY T-4
May 27, 1962

At a meeting of the New York District CP Board held on May 31, 1962, in New York City, WILLIAM ALBERTSON reviewed his 1962 election report that he had given at the May 24, 1962 District Board meeting.

NY T-4
June 4, 1962

A meeting of the New York State CP Board was held at New York City on June 14, 1962. During this meeting, WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave a report on the Socialist Party convention, which he had attended. ALBERTSON recommended that there was a possibility of joint action by the CP and the Socialist Party on specific issues.

NY T-6
June 18, 1962

NY T-4, on June 19, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as above.

On June 28, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON acted as chairman of a meeting of the New York State CP Board.

NY T-6
June 29, 1962

NY T-4 on June 29, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a New York State CP Board meeting held in New York City on July 12, 1962.

NY T-2
July 13, 1962

NY T-4 on July 16, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

A meeting of the Kings County CP Council was held on June 19, 1962, in the Jewish Children's School room at the Brighton Beach Community Center, Brooklyn, New York.

NY T-2
June 20, 1962

Special Agents of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON through a window in a room on the second floor of Brighton Beach Community Center during the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on June 19, 1962. On the window through which ALBERTSON was observed was the name "Jewish Children's School".

WILLIAM ALBERTSON gave the main report on the political scene for 1962 - 1964 at a meeting of the Kings County CP held at Brighton Beach Community Center on June 19, 1962. During his talk, ALBERTSON stated "our Party is not as yet a part of the political action movement. We have the responsibility of creating issues in the election."

NY T-8
June 20, 1962

NY T-2, on June 20, 1962, advised substantially the same information as set forth above.

Club

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Upper 13th Assembly District (A. D.) Club of the Harlem CP held on May 25, 1962, in New York City. The main discussion at this meeting centered around a possible merger between Harlem and Washington Heights CP.

NY T-9
May 31, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a joint meeting of the CP clubs in Harlem and Washington Heights held on May 29, 1962, in New York City. ALBERTSON led the discussion on the fund drive.

NY T-10
June 13, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the 11th A. D. Club, Harlem CP held on June 1, 1962, in New York City. During this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a report on the coming elections, and stated that all comrades are asked to join the Democratic Club in their neighborhood so they can be in a position to help try and defeat the Republicans in local elections, thus being in a good position to defeat ROCKEFELLER in his bid for re-election as Governor of New York.

NY T-10
June 13, 1962

NY T-11, on June 11, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

Youth

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the Lower Manhattan Youth Club of the CP held on May 28, 1962, in New York City, and spoke on the club program.

NY T-12
June 1, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON spoke at a meeting of the New York City CP Youth Coordinators held in New York City on July 6, 1962. ALBERTSON's report was concerned with the forthcoming elections. During his report, ALBERTSON stated that the Party policy is to defeat ROCKEFELLER in the primary.

NY T-13
July 9, 1962

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Miscellaneous Activity

"The Worker", on June 17, 1962, page 2, column 2 - 5, carried an article written by WILLIAM ALBERTSON concerning the Socialist Party National Convention held in Washington, D. C., on June 8 - 10, 1962.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON attended a meeting for civil liberties for Cubans held at the Palm Garden, West 52nd Street, New York City, on June 20, 1962. The general tone of the meeting was against the "treatment accorded Cubans in this country if they were pro-CASTRO".

NY T-7
July 3, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a fight-back rally held at Manhattan Center on June 7, 1962, sponsored by the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties". (CCCL)

NY T-14
July 12, 1962

A characterization of the CCCL may be found in the Appendix section of this report.

NY T-15, on June 27, 1962 and NY T-16, on June 11, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

At a preparation meeting for CP classes to commence beginning July 8, 1962, held at Academy Hall, New York City, on July 2, 1962, BETTY GANNETT gave the schedule for the classes. The schedule for Thursday, July 13, 1962, was "Rule and Function of the CP" with WILLIAM ALBERTSON as instructor.

NY T-13
July 3, 1962

"The Worker", September 24, 1961, page 11, column 5, refers to BETTY GANNETT as Educational and Organizational Director of the New York State CP.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the instructor at a CP Youth class held at Academy Hall, New York City, on July 13, 1962. The topic discussed by ALBERTSON was the "Role of the CP".

NY T-13
July 16, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the FBI entering and/or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on various dates between May 11, 1962 and June 27, 1962.

PART II

CP Meetings Attended

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Secretariat held at CP headquarters on June 5, 1962.

NY T-17
June 5, 1962

A meeting of the New York District CP Secretariat was held at CP headquarters, New York City on June 26, 1962. It was announced at this meeting that WILLIAM ALBERTSON would go on vacation on August 13th and would return after Labor Day. ALBERTSON also spoke at this meeting on the 1962 elections and stated that the membership did not demand a peace candidate; however, it might be possible to turn a current candidate into a peace candidate.

NY T-17
June 26, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Secretariat held at CP headquarters, New York City, on June 28, 1962.

NY T-17
June 28, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of members of the New York District CP Secretariat held at CP headquarters on July 10, 1962.

NY T-17
July 10, 1962

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of leading CP functionaries held at CP headquarters on July 11, 1962. During this meeting, a report was given on the recent National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Convention.

NY T-18
July 11, 1962

1. APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

"1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties," are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.'

'* * * The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts.'

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (CONT'D)

'* * * Committee investigation disclosed that the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties was formed on or about June 12, 1961 * * *.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report and Hearings on Manipulation of Public Opinion by Organizations Under Concealed Control of the Communist Party (National Assembly for Democratic Rights and Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), House Report 1282, Part 1, October 2 and 3, 1961, pp. 137, 143 and 144.)"

1. APPENDIX

THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A source advised on March 27, 1962, that GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP,USA), stated on March 26, 1962, that the Party will form a new committee known as the GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee (HDDC). The purpose of this committee is to raise $100,000.00 for the defense of HALL and DAVIS.

The source advised on May 7, 1962, that GUS HALL is the General Secretary, CP, USA.

Another source advised on May 7, 1962, that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, while addressing the Crown Heights Forum in Brooklyn, New York, on May 6, 1962, stated that he is the National Secretary of the CP, USA.

A third source advised on January 17, 1961, that the Crown Heights Forum is sponsored by the Crown Heights Section of the Kings County CP and is opened to both Party and non-Party members.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of April 8, 1962, page 1, column 1, contained an article announcing that the HDDC was formed last week.

The article listed the following officers for the HDDC:

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN	-	Chairman
JAMES J. TORMEY	-	Executive Secretary
CYRIL PHILIP	-	Treasurer

The first source advised on May 7, 1962, that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is Chairman of the CP, USA, and JAMES TORMEY is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

2. APPENDIX

THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J.
DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

A fourth source advised on June 10, 1960, that CYRIL PHILIP is a member of the Lower Thirteenth CP Club, New York City.

"The Worker," issue of June 5, 1962, page 2, columns 4-5, sets out that the HALL-DAVIS Committee is located at 22 East 17th Street, Room 1225, New York 3, New York.

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New York, New York
August 16, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

NY 100-129629

Title William Albertson

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act - 1950
Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NY DISTRICT
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(OO:NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 20 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a NYD, CP board meeting held 8/9/62.

Source mentioned is [redacted] known to Department as Source A.

Memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ to protect identity of [redacted] a current informant who is furnishing valuable information and whose disclosure would be detrimental to national defense interests.

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(1 - 100-8029) (BETTY GANNETT TORMEY)
(1 - 100-98594) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
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100-3-4

New York, New York

August 13, 1962

Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District
New York Division
Internal Security - C

On August 13, 1962, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on August 9, 1962, a Communist Party United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) board meeting with invited guests was held at the Hotel George Washington, New York, New York.

Betty Gannett Tormey, who acted as Chairman for this meeting, announced that the agenda would consist of a report on the 1962 Elections by William Albertson.

William Albertson made the report on the 1962 Elections, which was a review of the current political situation in New York City. Albertson also reviewed the areas of concentration in Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx, in which the Party members should volunteer to work.

Louis Weinstock was present at this meeting, but did not contribute anything pertinent to the discussion.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

August 29, 1962

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Attached are two copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 16, 1962, at New York, New York, on the captioned individual.

For your additional information and assistance, certain of the "T" symbols utilized in this report relate to confidential informants who have previously been identified to you under alphabetical designation. They are as follows:

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T-9	T	(New York)
T-10	K	(New York)
T-12	O	(New York)
T-13	D	(New York)
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T-15	2F	(New York)
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T-1 and T-3 are informants who are furnishing information of extreme value and who are not available for interview or testimony. T-11 is an informant in whom the Department has not yet expressed an interest. T-17 and T-18 are confidential investigative techniques.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 100-3-4

Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District
New York Division
Internal Security - C

On August 27, 1962, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that on August 23, 1962, a Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) board meeting was held at 229 West 105th Street, New York, New York.

William Patterson, who acted as Chairman for this meeting, announced the agenda would be as follows:

1. Review of the Nassau County Elections.
2. Review of the New York City Elections.
3. International Ladies Garment Workers Union Hearings.

[redacted] a member of the CP, USA, NYD Board, reviewed the election policies in Nassau County and said one of the encouraging points was that the Independent candidate was supporting the Peace Issue.

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District, New York Division

William Albertson then reviewed the New York City elections and stated that the Party needed to work harder in the 17th Assembly District in Brooklyn and the 13th Assembly District in Manhattan for the reform and independent candidates.

Louis Weinstock spoke on the House Labor Subcommittee hearings regarding the charges of racial discrimination in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. He criticized the Party for not having anyone attending the hearings or even giving away "The Worker". Weinstock and [redacted] a member of the CP,USA, NYD Board, both agreed that Party members should have testified at these hearings. It was decided that further discussions were needed on this subject.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] was present at this meeting, but did not contribute anything pertinent to the discussion.

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] at New York, 8/13/52, b6 b7C

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Part I of this report contains admissible evidence and Part II contains inadmissible evidence.

ALBERTSON was observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on dates and by agents as indicated:

Date	Agent
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At New York, New York:

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities in accordance with Bureau instructions relating to the investigation of key figures. Inasmuch as ALLERTON has completed his testimony before the SACB, a report will be submitted in 90 days, U.C.M.

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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason)
it contains information from current informants, NY T-1 through NY T-4, and from highly confidential sources. Disclosure of these informants and sources would jeopardize the investigation of the CP activities in NYC and would be prejudicial to the national defense interests of the US.
8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 9/10/59 and 10/27/60
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
when he was interviewed on above dates, he gave no indication of cooperation.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
ALBERTSON is coordinator of the NY County CP and is in the employment of the NY District CP. (see report, 6/28/62)

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Report of:	NEIL P. DIVERS	Office:	New York, New York
Date:	10/3/62		
Field Office File No.:	100-129629	Bureau File No.:	65-38100
Title:	WILLIAM ALBERTSON		
Character:	INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950		

Synopsis: ALBERTSON resides at 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Sources advised that ALBERTSON attended meeting of the NY State CP Board on 8/9/62. Attended enlarged meeting of the Harlem-Washington Heights Coordinating Committee of the NY District CP on 7/31/62. Attended meetings of CP leaders in NYC on 8/2/62 and 9/19/62. Appeared before SACB in Washington, D.C., in September, 1962. Observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters on numerous occasions from 7/20/62 to 8/17/62.

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PART I

Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

State

On August 9, 1962, the New York State CP Board met in the Washington Room of the Hotel George Washington, 23rd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. ALBERTSON

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was present at this meeting and reported on 1962 election activities. ALBERTSON discussed election matters in general terms with particular reference to the work being done by CYRIL PHILIP, who is running for Assemblyman in the 13th Assembly District. ALBERTSON said that the PHILIP's platform is agreeable to the party and that the party will support his efforts to be elected.

NY T-1
August 14, 1962 and
August 22, 1962

CYRIL PHILIP was a member of the lower 13th CP club, New York City, on June 10, 1960.

ALBERT JACKSON, a member of the CP from 1945 to 1952, and from 1958 to September 18, 1962, June 10, 1960

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Club

An enlarged meeting of the Harlem-Washington Heights Coordinating Committee of the New York District CP was held on July 31, 1962, at 522 Riverside Drive, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting. ALBERTSON stated that it was proposed that CYRIL PHILIP be an independent candidate in the 13th Assembly District as it was necessary to have someone who would fight for the repeal of the Mc Carran Act. The above proposal was adopted.

ALBERT JACKSON
August 17, 1962

Miscellaneous

A picnic was held by "The Worker" on August 5, 1962, in the Bronx, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance.

[redacted]
August 17, 1962

NY T-2 on August 8, 1962, NY T-3 on August 6, 1962 and NY T-4 on August 20, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as set forth above.

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

"The Worker" midweek edition, September 18, 1962, page three, column 1, contained an article entitled "Albertson Charges FBI Subverts Activity of People's Welfare." This article stated that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, 52 year old labor militant, charged the Federal Bureau of Investigation with attempting to subvert all activity that concerns the people's welfare, when he returned from appearing before the Subversive Activities Control Board's (SACB) first Mc Carran Act membership hearing in Washington last Tuesday.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation entering and/or leaving CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on various dates between July 20, 1962 and August 17, 1962.

PART II

Residence

On August 24, 1962, WILLIAM ALBERTSON indicated that his home address was 3002 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn 24, New York.

NY T-5
August 24, 1962

CP Meetings Attended

On August 2, 1962, a meeting of some members of the New York District CP was held at CP headquarters, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting and discussed the coming elections and the need for an independent candidate.

NY T-6
August 2, 1962

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On September 19, 1952, a meeting of leading CP functionaries was held at CP headquarters, New York City, and WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance. ALBERTSON gave a report on the results of the primary elections in New York State. He was of the opinion that the party should attempt to create additional peace candidates, and make every effort to force candidates to speak out on the peace question.

NY T-7
September 19, 1952

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New York, New York
October 3, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

NY 100-129629

Title William Albertson

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Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Neil P. Divers dated and captioned as above at New York.

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UNITED STATES v. COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP PETITION HEARINGS BEFORE THE
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, RESPONDENT

The following is a resume, as reported by Special Agent Joseph V. Waters of the New York Office, of the proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) yesterday at the hearing against William Albertson, a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), who failed to register as a Communist Party (CP) member.

The hearing opened on 9/11/62 with the following members of the SACB present; [redacted] Chairman; [redacted] and Mr. Edward C. Sweeney. For the Government as petitioner there appeared James A. Cronin, [redacted] and Oran J. Waterman. For the respondent, William Albertson, appeared John Abt of New York and Joseph Forer of Washington.

In his opening statement Cronin noted that the CP had been required to register in 1953 and on 10/10/61 the United States Supreme Court affirmed this finding. Cronin asked official notice be taken by the SACB of the order to register.

A stipulation was read into evidence after having been offered by the defendants acknowledging (1) that the CP has not registered with the Attorney General or filed a registration statement, (2) no officer of the CP or representative has registered on behalf of the Party, (3) William Albertson has not registered pursuant to the Internal Security Act of 1950 and (4) Albertson was at all times mentioned, up to 5/30/62, as a member of the CP.

Cronin noted that the Government would introduce evidence of membership since that date.

John Abt stated that if the Attorney General with the assistance of the FBI should establish the membership of Albertson to the satisfaction of the SACB, an order to register would follow.

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1 - 100-375848 (Lulu Mae Thompson)
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If Albertson refuses to comply, he is exposed to criminal penalties. If he does register, he exposes himself to prosecution under the Smith Act and Section 4 (a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Further, he forfeits the opportunity for employment in defense plants, to obtain a passport or enjoy other privileges. Therefore, the defense was contending that this imposes an unconstitutional choice. Abt noted that argument of constitutionality is not proper before the SACB and he was, therefore, reserving it for presentation before the courts.

Therefore, he said the 5th Amendment was being pleaded and Albertson neither affirms nor denies the allegations of the petition.

Thereafter Lulu Mae Thompson of Lathrop, California, testified as the 1st witness for the Government, noting that she joined the CP in June, 1953, and ended her membership on 3/30/62. She noted that she had reported to the FBI while a member and then detailed the positions held in the Party by herself, including, lastly, her position as delegate to the 17th National Convention of the CP held in New York 12/10-13/59.

A printed copy of the CP Constitution was then offered for identification and Thompson stated it was her copy and contains notations made by her during the National Convention. A report on changes in the Constitution was made at the Convention by Burt Nelson.

In the face of an objection that the defendant had not been connected with this, Cronin claimed that membership is one of mutuality and the CP Constitution is relevant to show how a person is elected. This objection was overruled subject to showing the connection of Albertson.

The Government's exhibit Number 2 for identification was identified by Thompson as a report from the Constitution Committee recommending changes, this report being issued to delegates at the Convention. She noted that changes were adopted and further changes were authorized to improve democratic centralism in the Party.

The 2 documents described were then offered in evidence with Abt objecting that the first was not the Constitution because it had been altered by the witness. Cronin then noted that the Government was offering only parts thereof, specifying the first 5 lines of Article 5, Section 1, the entire Section 8 of Article 5, the section marked 9 as marked by the witness, the first 6 lines of the printed Section 9 marked Section 10 by the witness, and paragraph 2 of Article 4. On request of the Chairman of the SACB, Cronin said the purpose of the Constitution in evidence is to show its binding effect on the membership as it shows the requirements for membership on certain committees.

Abt objected to the uncertainty of the text of the 2 documents and Cronin responded that the 2 documents made up the complete Constitution and he offered them in evidence. Those were accepted.

The witness, Thompson, then related that at the 1959 Convention ballots were distributed to delegates and later returned to the Election Committee, after which the results were announced.

Abt objected to the mention of any other names but that of respondent, Albertson, and Cronin withdrew that question.

Cronin then asked the witness if she had submitted a report. When she stated that she had, a Photostat of this was offered for identification. Upon being shown the document, Thompson said that her recollection was not refreshed as to Albertson but she asserted the report was accurate as to her activity at that time.

Abt noted that the report identified an individual by the name of Albertson without first name.

Agreement at this point was reached with the defense as to the relevancy of the names of William Patterson, Arnold Johnson, Louis Weinstock, William Albertson, Betty Gannett Tormey

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and [redacted] and the vote appearing after each name. An objection was made by Joseph Forer as to the competency, accuracy and identification of those names. Abt objected to the document as not the original record since on voir dire Thompson said she had made notes from which the report was prepared. The notes were thereafter destroyed.

The Chairman of the SACB admitted portions of the 1st 4 pages of the report as read. The witness then noted that there had been no later CP convention.

Cronin then offered the filed reports of Thompson for inspection by the Board, noting that the reports fell into 3 categories, the later 2 categories being reports to be examined in camera by the Board.

Following the luncheon recess, Cronin requested that defense counsel be advised not to use documents, consisting of informant reports. To this, Forer responded that any instruction to this effect was an insult to defense counsel.

Thompson was then subjected to cross-examination by Abt. She was asked to show where the report of the Constitution Committee was mentioned in her report and she admitted that it had been left out through oversight. Cran Waterman noted that all of her report was not in evidence but the SACB Chairman ruled that under Section 3500 the entire report could be used on cross-examination. Abt moved to strike out Government exhibits 1 and 2 on the grounds that the report on the Constitution Committee was not shown to be adopted.

Thereafter the witness was examined as to her means of livelihood during the period of her activity as an informant. She admitted that her husband was also paid as an informant and under examination she detailed the employment of her husband other than as an informant.

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Thompson noted also that she has been paid by the FBI after leaving the CP, having been consulted on Party activity that took place later on. She noted she was still receiving $100 a month, as is her husband, since ceasing CP membership. She also admitted that she had received payments of $130 for the months of April and May, 1952. She said she has not discussed pay for her testimony in this case.

She also stated in response to questioning that she, herself, had not registered under the Internal Security Act of 1950 and it had never been discussed with her by the FBI.

At 3:30 p.m. [redacted] of New York testified to his membership in the CP from October, 1959, to the time of his testimony and he detailed the Party posts held by him. He identified William Albertson as Organizer and Coordinator of the New York State Youth Commission of the CP as of June, 1961, and as present at a youth meeting in November, 1961. He identified William Albertson as a lecturer for the CP in July, 1962, on the role of the CP. This closed his direct examination.

On cross-examination by John Abt, he gave biographical data and detailed his activity in the CP and prior thereto with the Jewish Young Folk Singers. He further testified about the pay he received during this period from 1951 to date, the point being made by Abt that he was adding to his income with money paid to him by the FBI. [redacted] noted that he was last paid by the FBI on 9/10/62 for the month of August in the amount of $201.

In the course of cross-examination of both Thompson and [redacted] defense counsel was provided with copies of the receipts for compensation paid to them.

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First source mentioned is [redacted] known to the Department as Source A. Source used to characterize CYRIL PHILIP is [redacted] b7D

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 17, 1962, that on September 15, 1962, a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), New York District (NYD) Committee and invited guests was held in the Chelsea Room, Hotel Governor Clinton, New York, New York. William Patterson acted as Chairman for this meeting. William Albertson gave the main report on the 1962 Elections.

Albertson's report consisted of a review of the results of the primary elections in New York City. He praised the victories of the Reform Democrats, especially those of Representative William Fitts Ryan in the 20th Congressional District in Manhattan, and Thomas R. Jones in the 17th Assembly District (A.D.) in Brooklyn. Albertson was also pleased that Jones also won the district leadership in the 17th A.D. Albertson was displeased with the weak role Labor played in the elections and stated that with a few exceptions it had not supported the Reform Democratic movement.

Betty Gannett Tormey made the following proposals which were passed by the NYD Committee:

1. Accept William Albertson's report.

2. This report should be discussed in all clubs.

3. Should have political discussions in all clubs during the next two months.

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4. Should support the Cyril Philip campaign.

It was announced that all those attending the NYD Committee meeting should volunteer on September 16, 1962, to collect signatures for Cyril Philip's Nominating Petition. William Albertson announced that no security problem is involved since the CP is not openly connected with the campaign.

Also present at this meeting were [redacted] Arnold Johnson and Louis Weinstock.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 10, 1960, Cyril Philip was then a member of the Lower Thirteenth A.D. CP Club, New York City.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, RESPONDENT

The hearing on William Albertson before the Subversive Activities Control Board resumed on 9/17/62 at 2:17 p.m. Some time was spent in discussing the reports to the FBI of Government witnesses Lulu Mae Thompson and [redacted] In addition to the reports already voluntarily turned over to counsel for Albertson (8 of Thompson's and 12 of [redacted] the Board had selected 2 additional reports of Thompson's and 1 of [redacted] which were also turned over to defense counsel after being excised as recommended by the Bureau.

John Abt, representing William Albertson, said that the witness [redacted] was not wanted for further testimony. He noted his objection to withholding the reports of both witnesses and reserved his right to appeal.

At 2:25 p.m. Ethel Newton of New York City became the third witness for the Government. She described herself as a current Communist Party member in the Greenwich Village area of New York City. She listed various positions she has held in the Party. She related that in December, 1959, she had attended the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party on 2 days and personally identified Albertson as having been seen at the Convention by her. She also noted the presence at the Convention of Arnold Johnson, Louis Weinstock, Betty Gannett Tormey, William Patterson and [redacted] She testified that William Albertson read a report on youth activity and he said that after the Convention the National Committee would approve a youth commission. She testified that the constitution was a matter of discussion at the Convention and identified a report from the Constitution Committee in mimeographed form. This is Government Exhibit 2

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previously identified by the witness Thompson. Newton testified that the Convention voted to adopt the amendments and to her knowledge no changes have been made since. On the last day of the Convention a National Committee was elected. She recalled that the names of Arnold Johnson and William Patterson were read as nominees and the New York State Communist Party presented a slate including the names of Albertson and Louis Weinstock. Among additional names submitted from the floor were Betty Gannett Tormey and [redacted] Thereafter the National Committee was elected. She noted that there have been no conventions since and there has only been a New York State Convention.

At this point Abt moved to strike Newton's testimony concerning the election as hearsay. In opposition, James Cronin for the Government pointed out that the witness had testified to the presence of Albertson and the others as well as to their participation at the Convention. Cronin said that if the Board regarded the testimony as hearsay, the testimony should nevertheless be considered because of the different rule on administrative hearings. He said that under such rule the instant testimony was admissible and, in addition, was relevant and trustworthy. However, he pointed out that the Government did not regard the testimony as hearsay.

Abt noted he had made a similar objection with reference to the testimony of Lulu Mae Thompson and the Board sustained him, noting that the testimony was being taken subject to connection. He was, therefore, moving to strike out the testimony of Thompson as well.

Following a recess to consider the matter, the Chairman overruled the objection, and pointing out he was making no ruling on the objection as to Thompson's testimony.

Newton then testified that she had attended the Reconvened Convention of the New York State Communist Party in January, 1960, and on this occasion Albertson, Johnson, Weinstock, Tormey, Patterson and [redacted] were present. There was an election of a New York State Communist Party Committee. The nominees for election included Albertson, Johnson, Weinstock, Tormey, Patterson and [redacted]

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Abt objected to the testimony concerning the election to the New York State Committee on the same grounds of hearsay but his objection was overruled.

Newton then testified that New York State Communist Party elections were held in January, 1960, and Albertson was nominated for organizational secretary, Johnson and Patterson for vice chairmen and Tormey for educational director and these were elected. In November, 1961, a meeting of the New York County Council was held with Albertson present. He reported about the situation confronting the Communist Party and said it would be the last meeting of the County Council. Albertson noted on this occasion that by December 9 he would be required to register but would not do so and would be cited by the Subversive Activities Control Board and would plead the 5th Amendment.

Newton testified to later meetings of the New York County Coordinating Committee at which Albertson was present, these meetings taking place in January, February and April, 1962. She identified him as the Coordinator for the New York County Communist Party and a member of the County Coordinating Council at the time of these meetings. In May, 1962, there was a meeting of the New York County Coordinating Committee at which time a report was given on reorganization. This meeting was also attended by Albertson.

At this point the Government completed direct examination of Newton.

On cross-examination by Abt, Newton noted that she had testified to the procedure followed in electing a Communist Party National Committee but stated that she had left before the results were disclosed. She noted that she had not testified to the identities of those elected and did not know if all 6 individuals from New York cited by the Subversive Activities Control Board were present. At this point, Abt renewed his motion to strike out the witness's testimony and also that of Thompson concerning election to the National Committee but his motion was denied.

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Newton described herself as a secretary at the Rhodes School, a private high school in New York. She was a Communist Party member from 1947 to 1949 when she dropped out. She stated that she joined it believing it to be a crusade. She testified that during the time of her membership in the Communist Party, from 1947 to 1949, she worked for an encyclopedia on chemical technology and was also working for the same employer in 1955, by which time she had begun working part time for the school. She rejoined the Communist Party at the request of the FBI, having been contacted in February, 1954, and being asked to cover meetings of various organizations. She testified further that when she did engage in such activity she received remuneration beginning in 1954, and she was examined in some detail concerning expenses reflected by vouchers representing payments to her. She also noted that she had signed a receipt dated 6/16/54 with the name Mary Gateway, which she used for FBI purposes. The last payment she received was in August of 1962 in the sum of $180 which represented the payment of salary to her, which salary she stated varied from $150 to $200 during the latter part of the time of her services. b6 b7C

The hearing was recessed at this point to reconvene at 10 a.m. on 9/18/62.

James Cronin informed the Subversive Activities Control Board that he intended to take the testimony of one additional witness. In discussion between counsel and the Board it was suggested that the hearing on [redacted] may open on Friday, 9/21/62, but the time was uncertain as of this point.

ACTION:

None. For information. A memorandum briefly summarizing the above information was submitted for the Director's information on 9/17/62.

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Membership Petition Hearings Before the
Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, RESPONDENT

At 2:17 p.m. on 9-17-62 Ethel Newton of New York was the third Government witness against William Albertson. She identified herself as a Communist Party (CP) member of a Greenwich Village Club in New York and holder of a number of organization positions in the New York State CP.

Mrs. Newton, having been an active member of the CP until she took the stand on this date, was a calm and impressive witness and the attorneys for the Government stated they were pleased with the testimony that she gave. It is noted that when she appeared as a witness William Albertson left the hearing room to make a telephone call, presumably to advise the Party of the identity of this newly revealed informant.

Newton testified that she had attended the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA and identified Albertson as being present as well as the other respondents in th is proceeding from the New York area; namely, Arnold Johnson, Louis Weinstock, Betty Gannett Tormey, William Patterson and [redacted]. She noted also that changes were voted in the CP constitution. The National Committee of the CP was elected on the last day with Albertson and the others she had named having been nominated for election to it. She did not testify to their election to this Committee.

John Abt, for the defense, objected to her testimony on the election as hearsay. James Cronin, for the Government, noted that the witness had testified to the presence of Albertson and the others and the part they took. He said that, if the SACB was to regard the testimony as hearsay, the rule as to administrative hearings is different and hearsay here is admissible and in this instance was relevant and trustworthy. However, he asserted the Government's position is that her testimony was not hearsay.

Abt said he had made similar objection to the testimony of the witness Lulu Mae Thompson and his objection was overruled but the testimony was received

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subject to connection. Therefore, he moved to strike out the testimony of Thompson as well. [redacted] the SACB Chairman, overruled his objection but was withholding a ruling on the objection previously made with respect to Thompson's testimony.

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Newton went on to detail the nomination of the above-named respondents to the New York State CP Committee. The same objection on the ground of hearsay was made by Abt but he was overruled. The witness went on to testify to the activities of Albertson in the New York County CP organization in 1931 and 1932. This completed Newton's direct testimony.

On cross-examination by Abt, Newton testified to having been in the CP from 1947 after which she had dropped out. She stated she had joined the CP in the belief it was a "crusade." She rejoined the CP in 1955 after having been contacted in 1954 by Special Agents of the FBI when she agreed to cooperate. She began by going to meetings of various organizations and then joining the Party. She was cross-examined with reference to several receipts of money from the Bureau and she explained she was reimbursed for expenses as well as receiving payment for her services. She testified that the last payment to her amounted to $100 at the end of August, 1962. In July, 1962, she said she may have received $200, that this salary varied from $150 to $200. Newton noted that she is presently employed as Assistant to the Principal of Rhodes School, New York City, described as a private high school.

At this point the hearing was recessed for the day to reconvene on 9-18-62 at 10 a.m.

James Cronin advised the Board he plans to have one more witness and the possibility was suggested in discussion that the hearing as to [redacted] may begin 9-21-62.

ACTION:

None. You will be advised of the results of the hearing on 9-18-62.

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The Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) hearing on William Albertson opened at 10:05 a.m. on 9/12/62 with John Abt of defense counsel cross-examining the Government witness [redacted] Abt questioned [redacted] on why he stopped reporting Labor Youth League activity to the FBI in 1956. [redacted] responded that he had married at that time and considered that he was starting a new life. Abt pointed out to him that the Labor Youth League had dissolved in 1956 but [redacted] asserted that the Labor Youth League was still in existence at the time in question. [redacted] then testified that he had resumed reporting to the FBI in 1959 as he was not then living with his wife. He related that he had contacted the FBI at that time and was told to go ahead with his activity in the Communist Party. [redacted] stated that payment for his services was not the primary consideration in his decision.

Abt asked him if he had been divorced. James A. Cronin for the Government objected that this was irrelevant but he was overruled. [redacted] testified that he had secured a divorce and no alimony was involved. He then related that he had remarried and his wife had joined the Communist Party at his suggestion with FBI approval. He said that she had become an informant for the FBI but he did not know how much she was paid. Upon being asked if his wife was still a member of the Communist Party he indicated that he understood her membership would cease as a result of his testifying.

[redacted] further testified that he had had no discussion with the FBI about continuing to receive payment after his testimony but he had been advised that his expenses in connection with testifying would be paid as well as a witness fee.

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This cross-examination terminated at 10:20 a.m., [redacted] the SACB Chairman, apprising [redacted] that he was subject to recall for further cross-examination.

James Cronin informed the SACB that the next witness for the Government would not be available until 9/14/62 and the Government was requesting a continuance until that time. Cronin noted that John Abt of defense counsel had other commitments and it was agreed that the hearing would be continued at 2 p.m. on 9/17/62. Cronin indicated that possibly a day and a half would be required to finish the Government's case, with which Abt indicated his agreement.

It was also noted by the SACB Chairman that Lulu Mae Thompson was to remain available until she could be advised by 2 p.m. on 9/13/62 as to whether or not she would be needed for further cross-examination.

ACTION:

For information. You will be advised of pertinent developments when the hearing resumes on Monday, 9/17/62.

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On 9/11/62 the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) opened its hearing on the Government's petition for an order of the Board to require the registration as a Communist Party (CP) member of William Albertson under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. At this hearing the Government was represented by James A. Cronin, [redacted] and Oran Waterman. Special Agent Joseph V. Waters was present at counsel table to assist the Government attorneys. William Albertson, the respondent, was represented by John Abt of New York and Joseph Forer of Washington.

In his opening statement Mr. Cronin noted that the defense had stipulated that the CP had not registered under the Internal Security Act of 1950 and further that Albertson had not registered and was admitting membership in the CP up to 5/30/62.

John Abt, in his statement to the SACB, asserted that if Albertson refused to comply with an order of the Board to register he would be exposed to criminal penalties but, on the other hand, if he were to register he would expose himself to possible prosecution under the Smith Act and would also suffer disabilities imposed by provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. This, he claimed, was an unconstitutional choice and the constitutional issue was, therefore, being reserved for presentation before the courts. Albertson was, therefore, availing himself of the protection of the 5th Amendment and was neither affirming nor denying the allegations of the petition.

The Government's first witness was Lulu Mae Thompson of Lathrop, California, who testified to her joining the CP in June, 1953, and ceasing membership on 3/30/62. She testified to her attendance at the 17th National Convention of the CP in December, 1959, at which time certain changes in the CP Constitution were made.

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1 - 100-375848 (Lulu Mae Thompson)
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, RESPONDENT
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She testified that an individual identified only by the name Albertson was one of a number elected to the National Committee. Thompson did not know Albertson personally to identify him. The defense conceded the relevancy of the names of William Patterson, Arnold Johnson, Louis Weinstock, William Albertson, Betty Gannett Tormey and [redacted] and the vote for each at the Convention as noted in Thompson's report, but objected to the identification of those named. On cross-examination Thompson detailed her earnings and those of her husband, also an informant for the FBI, during the time of their membership in the CP. b6 b7C

In the afternoon [redacted] of New York testified to his membership in the CP from October, 1959, to the time of his current testimony. He identified Albertson as active in youth activity in the New York State CP as late as July, 1962. On cross-examination he was questioned as to his earnings during the period of his service as an FBI informant. Further cross-examination was to be had the next day.

ACTION:

None. For information. A more detailed memorandum is being submitted.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

October 12, 1962

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Ryan

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Attached are two copies of the report of Special Agent Neil P. Divers dated October 3, 1962, at New York, New York, on the captioned individual.

For your additional information and assistance, certain of the "T" symbols utilized in this report relate to confidential informants who have previously been identified to you under alphabetical designation. They are as follows:

T-1	B	(New York)
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T-5, T-6 and T-7 are confidential investigative techniques.

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2 - New York (100-129629)(See note)

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NOTE SAC, NEW YORK:

Reference is made to the comment on cover page C of the report of Special Agent Neil P. Divers dated 10/3/62 at New York to the effect that since Albertson's case has been completed before the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), investigative reports will be submitted every 90 days rather than at 45-day intervals. The Department has requested that until a final order is issued by the SACB in the Albertson case and until counsel for Albertson has filed an appeal with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, investigative reports be continued on a 45-day basis. These instructions will also apply to the remaining New York cases in the present series of hearings before the SACB.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley

NOTE ON YELLOW:

This letter is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ since it pertains to possible prosecutive plans involving current informants, the exposure of whom could adversely affect the national defense, and because it transmits copies of a report which are also classified ~~"Confidential."~~

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1 - Mr. Reddy

SAC, New York

November 5, 1962

Director, FBI (65-38100)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

There is attached a copy of the Report and Order of the Subversive Activities Control Board in the Albertson case dated 10/29/62. Albertson now has a period of 60 days within which to file an appeal with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

The Washington Field Office should keep the Bureau and the New York Office advised of any appellate action taken by Albertson.

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2 - Washington Field (Enclosure)

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Alleged Red Is Ordered To Register

United Press International

The Subversive Activities Control Board yesterday ordered the first of 10 persons cited by the Government as Communists to register with the Justice Department.

The Board said it found that William Albertson, 52, was a member of the Communist Party and ordered him to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine of $10,000 and a 5-year prison term. The registration provisions of the Act are expected to be tested in the courts, however, before any penalty is carried out.

The Board said Albertson was elected to the Party's National Committee at the national convention in December, 1959. It said he held other imporant positions in the Party in New York State.

On May 31 Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy petitioned the Board to require Albertson and nine other persons to register as members of the U. S. Communist Party. The nine other petitions are under study.

Kennedy's action is an outgrowth of a 1961 Supreme Court ruling that upheld an order of the Board requiring the Party as such to register.

The Party did not register and subsequent actions have shifted to its officers and individual members.

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First Individual Ordered To Register as Red

By the Associated Press

The Subversive Activities Control Board has ordered a Brooklyn (N. Y.) man to register with the Government as a member of the Communist Party.

The board's order yesterday to William Albertson, 52, was the first issued under individual registration provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act.

It clears the way for court action if Albertson refuses to register with the Attorney General. Defiance of the order could mean a prison sentence of up to five years and a fine of up to $10,000.

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy asked the board last May 31 to issue registration orders to 10 people he said were Communist Party members. Albertson was among them.

There was no word on when action might be taken on the other cases.

The Communist Party itself already has been indicted for refusing to register. Two alleged party leaders, Gus Hall and Banjamin J. Davis, also were indicted for failing to register on behalf of the party.

But the Justice Department said there is no provision for criminal action against individuals who refuse to register. Instead, the act sets up the civil petition-board hearing procedure used in the Albertson case.

The board said Albertson held "important positions of leadership in the party" during 1961 and the first six months of 1962. It said he was elected to the party's national committee in 1959.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a meeting of the NYD CP Board held 10/29/62.

Source mentioned is [redacted] known to the Department as Source A. b7D

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New York, New York
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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America
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On October 30, 1962, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that a special meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), New York District (NYD) Board was held at 229 West 105th Street, New York, New York, on October 29, 1962.

At this meeting, Gus Hall proposed that Robert Thompson become District Organizer of the CPUSA, NYD and William Patterson would remain as Chairman. In about ten days, Thompson would reorganize the CPUSA NYD CP staff and make assignments for various jobs in the NYD.

Those present approved this proposal. In attendance at this meeting besides Hall and Thompson, were William Patterson, William Albertson, [redacted] Betty Gannett Tormey and Louis Weinstock.

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First source mentioned is [redacted] known to the Department as Source A. Source used to characterize CYRIL PHILIP is [redacted]

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New York, New York
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Re: Communist Party,
United States of America
New York District
New York Division
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 22, 1962, that on October 20,21, 1962, a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) New York District (NYD) Committee and invited guests, was held in the Hotel Edison, New York, New York, under the name of the Inter City Conference.

William Patterson gave the main report on October 20, 1962, at which time he reviewed Party work and activities. He spoke on the 1962 elections and stated that Rockefeller must be defeated.

Patterson also spoke on the Negro Question and the problems the Party is facing in the Negro American Labor Council (NALC). He stated the Party should support Philip Randolph, President of the NALC against a factionalist group who are against him. He stated that the Party should adopt the slogan, "End Jim Crow in New York."

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New York District
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Following Patterson's report, a general discussion by those present ensued. This was carried over until the October 21, 1962 meeting.

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On October 21, 1962, William Albertson discussed the Cyril Philip campaign and explained how they were unable to obtain a place on the ballot.

Betty Gannett Tormey made the following proposals which were passed by the NYD Committee:

1. Accept William Patterson's report.

2. To discuss this report at enlarged CP County Council meetings.

3. To endorse the use of the slogan, "End Jim Crow in New York."

4. Determine why persons who had been invited to this meeting did not attend.

Also present at this two day meeting were [redacted] Arnold Johnson and Louis Weinstock.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 10, 1960, that Cyril Philip was then a member of the Lower Thirteenth Assembly District CP Club, New York City.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 1, 1962

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

My memorandum dated 10/31/62 advised that on 10/30/62 the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) issued its first order under the membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Under the terms of the order William Albertson, a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, is to register with the Attorney General as a Communist Party member. Attached is a copy of the Board's report and order in the Albertson case. It is interesting to note that after reviewing in detail the evidence against Albertson presented by 3 current Bureau informants and one discontinued Bureau informant, the report concludes with the statement "Petitioner's (the Government) evidence stands uncontroverted. It is impressive and persuasive that respondent, William Albertson, was at the time of the hearing and since at least the year 1960 has been a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America. The Board so finds by the preponderance of the evidence."

ACTION:

None. For information. As indicated in my memorandum of 10/31/62, Albertson now has a period of 60 days within which to file an appeal with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Docket No. I-1-62

ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,

PETITIONER

v.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON,

RESPONDENT

Oran H. Waterman, James A. Cronin, Jr.,
Robert A. Crandall, and Earl Kaplan
for petitioner

John J. Abt and Joseph Forer
for respondent

REPORT AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

Decided October 29, 1962

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,

PETITIONER

v.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON,

RESPONDENT

REPORT OF THE BOARD

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This is a proceeding on petition of the Attorney General, filed May 31, 1962, for an order of the Board requiring the respondent, William Albertson, to register and file a registration statement with the Attorney General as required of members of a Communist-action organization by section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended.[1] Pertinent parts of the Act are set forth in Appendix "A" attached and made a part hereof.

The petition alleged that Albertson was at the time of the filing of the petition and at least since 1959 had been a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America;[2] that on October 20, 1961, an order of this Board became final requiring said Communist Party to register under section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and, that by reason of the failure of

1 At the time of filing the instant petition, the Attorney General also filed similar petitions against nine other individuals. Each of the nine individuals was represented by the same counsel, attorneys John J. Abt and Joseph Forer, who represented the respondent in this proceeding. Virtually identical answers were filed by each respondent.

2 For convenience the Communist Party of the United States of America will sometimes be referred to herein as "the Communist Party" or "the Party."

the Communist Party or any officer thereof to register and file a registration statement as prescribed in the Act, it became the duty of Albertson himself to register which he failed to do and continues to fail to do. In support of the petition, the Attorney General set forth, in paragraphs numbered "I" through "IV", allegations of facts relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, including his making of statements disclosing such membership, his attendance at meetings restricted to members of the Party, his election to membership on the National Committee of the Party, his serving as a member of the New York State Committee and the New York State Board of the Party, and his discussions of Communist Party policy with other members of the Party.

Respondent, on June 25, 1962, filed an answer to the petition attacking the constitutionality of sections 8 and 13 of the Act; stating that the petition fails to allege facts warranting issuance of the order prayed for; denying the allegation that the Communist Party of the United States of America is a Communist-action organization; and relying upon the privilege against self-incrimination in refusing to answer the allegation that respondent was and continues to be a member of the Communist Party and the allegations of paragraphs I to IV, inclusive, of the petition.

Pursuant to Rule 201.7(a) revised, of the Board's Rules of Procedure, the reliance in respondent's answer to the petition upon the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination operates as a denial for purposes of the Board proceeding.

A consolidated prehearing conference in this and the similar cases (see footnote "1," supra) was held on July 2, 1962. Thereafter the Board, on July 6, 1962, entered an order acting upon matters raised at the prehearing conference. Counsel for respondent having requested and counsel for petitioner having agreed to a postponement of the original earlier hearing date, the hearing was rescheduled and began on September 11 and concluded on September 24, 1962, in Washington, D. C., before the undersigned members of the Board.

Counsel for petitioner presented the oral testimony of four witnesses and three exhibits (Attorney General Exhibits 1-3, inclusive). No witnesses were presented on behalf of respondent. One exhibit, a prior report of one of petitioner's witnesses, was offered by respondent and received in evidence (Albertson Exhibit 6).[3] At the conclusion of the hearing closing argument was made by counsel for petitioner. (Tr. 290-302.) Counsel for respondent stated:

> I think the record in this case speaks for itself, Mr. Chairman, and I see no occasion for me to elaborate my position at this time. (Tr. 302.)

Petitioner, on October 8, 1962, filed and served proposed findings of fact consisting of forty numbered paragraphs. Respondent's proposed findings of fact, filed on October 15, 1962, were as follows in proposing the conclusion that the petition should be denied:

> 1. The petitioner has offered no evidence in support of the allegation in the petition that the Communist Party of the United States is a Communist-action organization.
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> 2. The evidence introduced by petitioner, even if fully credited, would not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent is a member of the Communist Party of the United States within the meaning of the term "member" in the Subversive Activities Control Act.

The proposed findings submitted by both sides have been considered in making findings and conclusions herein.[4]

The witnesses who gave oral testimony on behalf of petitioner were as follows:

Mrs. Lulu Mae Thompson, a housewife of Lathrop, California (tr. 39-40, 80). She joined the Communist Party in June of 1953 and ceased membership on March 30, 1962 (tr. 40). While a member of'

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3 Receipts for money paid to petitioner's witnesses by the Federal Bureau of Investigation were given exhibit numbers for purposes of identification but were not offered in evidence. As will appear, the witnesses were cross-examined in detail on money they received from the F. B. I.

4 It was stipulated by counsel for both sides that following argument and the submission of proposed findings the Board would proceed to consider the record and issue an appropriate report and order without first issuing an initial or tentative decision. (See Order entered July 6, 1962, following prehearing conference.)

the Communist Party she was treasurer of the Communist Party's Local 17 County Club of San Joaquin County, chairman of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Party, member of the Party District Committee of Northern California, and a delegate to the 17th National Convention of the Party (tr. 40).

Allen R. Prince, a salesman of food products of Brooklyn, New York (tr. 99, 119). He joined the Communist Party in October 1959, and was a member at the time of this hearing (tr. 99). During his Communist Party membership he was financial treasurer of the Brooklyn Youth Club of the Party, and in November of 1960 became organizer of the Club; member of the Executive Board of the Club; member of the King's County Council of the Communist Party; and member of the Party's New York State Youth Committee or Commission (tr. 99-100).

Mrs. Ethel Newton, of New York City, the executive assistant of a private high school in New Jersey (tr. 155, 189). She was a member of the Communist Party from 1947 until late 1949 and then rejoined in 1955 and was a member at the time of this hearing (tr. 155, 189-190). While a member of the Party during the most recent period she was organizer of the Village Club 2 of the Party, coordinator of the Club, organizer of the Village Section of the Party, member of the New York County Communist Party Council, and member of the Committee and Coordinating Committee of the New York State Communist Party (tr. 156).

Albert Jackson, a refrigeration mechanic, of New York City (tr. 270-271). He first joined the Communist Party in Pittsburgh in 1945 (tr. 266). He was a member of the Party at the time of testifying in this hearing (tr. 231). For about eight months up to the time of testifying he has been chairman of the Eleventh A. D. Communist Party Club in New York City (tr. 231-232, 245-246). Other positions he has held in the Party were: Press Director of the Club, Educational Director of the Club, representative of the Harlem Region of the Party to the New York State Party Committee (assigned in April of 1961), and member of the Harlem Regional Committee of the Party (tr. 232, 242).

Each of petitioner's four witnesses was a paid informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation during his membership in the Communist Party, in the instances of Newton and Jackson during the latter period of their membership. While members of the Party and informants for the F.B.I. they reported to the F.B.I. on the activities of the Party, and received money from the F.B.I. for both services and expenses.[5] [redacted] and [redacted] also served as paid informants before becoming members of the Party. Full opportunity for cross-examination of these witnesses was afforded and pertinent copies of their prior reports to the F.B.I. were delivered to counsel for respondent for use in cross-examination. The cross-examination was directed mainly to items, such as money received from the F.B.I., going to possible interest of the witnesses. There was no rebuttal testimony of any of the testimony given by these witnesses and their testimony was mutually consistent and corroborative. By way of closing argument counsel for respondent elected to stand on the record (supra). His proposed findings did not raise specific matters going to the credibility of any of these witnesses. The Board, having observed the witnesses and considered the entire record, credits the witnesses.

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Production of Reports of Petitioner's Witnesses

At the conclusion of the direct examination of each of the four witnesses presented by petitioner, there were delivered directly to counsel for respondent by counsel for petitioner the receipts that the witness had signed for money received from the F.B.I., and the prior

5 Generally, the amount received from the F.B.I. increased with the time that a particular witness was in the Party and furnishing more information. For instance, the witness [redacted] received around $25.00 a month when she first started reporting and this was increased to $75.00, then to $100.00 and ultimately to $225.00. (Tr. 81-96. The witness [redacted] received about $1600.00 for the first seven months in the year 1962. (Tr. 271.) The husband of the witness [redacted] and the wife of the witness [redacted] were also paid informants for the F.B.I. (E.g., tr. 90; 137-138.)

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written reports made by the witness to the F.B.I. which counsel for petitioner considered to be statements within the purview of Title 18 U.S.C. §3500.[6] At the same time there were delivered to the Board for in camera examination other documents representing information furnished to the F.B.I. by the witness. These documents were in two categories: (a) reports prepared by the witness, which counsel conceded to be statements but considered not to contain any material which related to the subject matter of the witness' testimony, and (b) reports prepared by agents of the F.B.I. following oral interviews with the witness, which counsel considered not to contain related matter and also not to be statements within 18 U.S.C. 3500. (See tr. 70-73; 111-113; 184-186; 250-252.)

These documents, numbering in excess of fifteen hundred, were examined by the Board in camera. Certain of them were determined to contain related material, and from these excisions of unrelated portions were requested by counsel for petitioner in a few instances and were considered and granted by the Board. The documents were then delivered to counsel for respondent who, after reviewing them, did not desire further cross-examination of the witnesses involved (tr. 152; 284).[7] With respect to the category of documents in the form of memoranda prepared by agents of the F.B.I. on oral information furnished by the witnesses, it was unnecessary in any instance to determine whether the agents' memoranda qualified as statements of the witnesses under 18 U.S.C. 3500. In all but three instances this category of documents did not contain any material that related to the subject matter of the witnesses' testimony. In the instances of the documents that did contain related material, the question whether they were "statements" was waived by counsel for petitioner (tr. 152, 284-285).

6 Lists of reports that were turned over directly to counsel for respondent appear at transcript pages 275 to 281, inclusive.

7. The additional documents that were delivered to counsel for respondent were: three reports of the witness Thompson; one report of the witness Prince; and three reports of the witness Newton.

In each instance, counsel for respondent noted for the record objections to the Board determination that the documents not produced were not relevant, to the determination that certain of the reports were not statements without taking extrinsic evidence, and to the excision of any material from those documents that were produced (tr. 153; 285). The objections were overruled and the documents were made Board exhibits, sealed, as follows: the Thompson documents, Board Exhibit 1; The Prince documents, Board Exhibit 2; the Newton documents, Board Exhibit 3; and the Jackson documents, Board Exhibit 4 (tr. 153-154; 285).

THE ISSUES

The primary issue in this proceeding is, as stated by counsel in their opening statements, whether the respondent, William Albertson, is (or at the times mentioned in the petition, was) a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America. (See, tr. 35-36.) Another issue, raised by counsel for respondent, is whether the Communist Party of the United States is a Communist-action organization. (See tr. 38-39 and Respondent's Proposed Finding No. 1.) We will treat first with the latter.

Counsel for petitioner, at the outset of the hearing, requested the Board to take official notice for the purposes of this proceeding of an order which the Board entered and of subsequent proceedings in the matter of the Communist Party of the United States of America (tr. 33-34). Counsel for respondent objected to such official notice. The grounds were that William Albertson, respondent herein, was not a party to the proceedings involving the Communist Party and was not, and cannot be bound by those proceedings and hence they are not competent with respect to him here (tr. 39).

The clear intent of the Act is that once an order of this Board has become "final" requiring an organization to register as a Communist-action organization, the issue whether the organization is

of such type is not to be relitigated in subsequent proceedings for the registration of a member of the organization. The Act provides for the registration of any member of an organization concerning which "there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register under section 7(a) of this title as a Communist-action organization." (Section 8(a).) Thus an "issue" in a proceeding for the registration of an individual member is whether there is in effect a final order requiring the registration of the organization to which the individual is alleged to belong.[8] Counsel for respondent did not, and could not dispute the fact that there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party, U.S.A., to register as a Communist-action organization. (See the facts set forth below under the subheading "Official Notice.")

It would be a plainly unreasonable application of the Act to require that in a proceeding involving an individual, if shown to be a member of the Party and thus fairly represented in the Party proceeding, the status of the Party must nonetheless be relitigated.[9] To do so would frustrate the purpose of the Act to obtain disclosure of the members of a Communist-action organization.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Official Notice

For the reasons indicated above, respondent's objection to the taking of official notice was overruled and the parties were notified that

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8 The Act provides full opportunity for an organization that has been determined to be a Communist-action organization to obtain subsequent relief from the registration requirements by proper showing that it is not then a Communist-action organization. Sections 13(b) and (i)(1).

9 The Board, in the proceeding involving the Communist Party, on the basis of a record comprising over 14,000 pages of oral testimony and hundreds of exhibits, in which the Party was represented by competent counsel, determined the Party to be a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act.

official notice would be taken of the following which are hereby deemed to be facts for the purposes of this proceeding. (See tr. 148-151.) No evidence was offered by respondent to rebut these facts.

1. The Subversive Activities Control Board on April 20, 1953, entered an order requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950;

2. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on July 30, 1959, entered its judgment in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board, which affirmed the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization;

3. The Supreme Court of the United States on October 10, 1961, entered its mandate which affirmed the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which judgment had been entered by the said United States Court of Appeals on July 30, 1959, in Communist Party of the United States vs. Subversive Activities Control Board;

4. More than ten (10) days have elapsed since the Supreme Court entered its mandate on October 10, 1961, in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board No. 12, October Term, 1960;

5. There was published in the Federal Register for October 21, 1961, Volume 26, No. 204, at page 9923, a notice by the Subversive Activities Control Board of the fact that the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 became final on the 20th day of October 1961; and

6. More than sixty (60) days have elapsed since October 20, 1961.

It was stipulated by counsel and the Board finds: that the Communist Party of the United States of America has not registered with the Attorney General nor filed a registration statement pursuant to section 7 of the Act; that no officer of the Communist Party nor any authorized representative of the Party has registered for and on behalf of the organization pursuant to section 7(h) of the Act; and, that the respondent, William Albertson, has not registered or filed a registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Act. (Tr. 34-35.)

2. Evidence of Party membership of Respondent

Petitioner's witnesses Prince, Newton and Jackson identified the respondent, William Albertson, by pointing him out as present in the hearing room, seated at counsel table (tr. 100-101; 156-157, 232). Each of these witnesses testified to meetings of specific, constituent, organizational parts of the Communist Party of the United States of America which the witness attended and at which Albertson was among those present and participated. Albertson did not take the stand to deny or explain his presence at and participation in these meetings and no witnesses were presented by respondent to rebut or contradict the testimony given by petitioner's witnesses. Findings based upon the testimony of these witnesses will now be made.

a. Testimony of Ethel Newton

The witness Ethel Newton testified to specific Communist Party activities of Albertson during the period of years from December 1959 to July 1962 (tr. 156-183.)

Albertson was present at the National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States of America which was held in December 1959 in New York City (tr. 156). At the National Convention, Albertson gave a report on youth in which he stated that shortly following the convention the National Committee would appoint a Youth Commission (tr. 157-158). No other National Conventions of the Communist Party, U.S.A., have taken place since the one in December 1959 (tr. 162).[10]

Albertson was present at the reconvened New York State Convention of the Communist Party held in January 1960 in New York City (tr. 162, 166). Nominations for members of the New York State Committee of the Party were read by Ben Davis who stated that he had been elected National Secretary of the Party at the National Convention (tr. 167).

10 Other occurrences at the convention involving Albertson to which the witness Newton testified were also a subject of the testimony of the witness Thompson and findings thereon will be made in considering Thompson's testimony, infra.

Albertson made a statement in relation to the nomination of two youth members to the effect that under the Constitution of the Communist Party they were not eligible for election since they had not been in the Party long enough (tr. 169). Albertson was among those nominated for membership on the New York State Committee of the Party (tr. 168). The witness left the State convention before the elections and before the election results were announced (tr. 221). At a subsequent general membership meeting of the New York State organization of the Communist Party, also held in January 1960, the county organizer announced that Albertson was the Organizational Secretary of the New York State Communist Party (tr. 171-172).[11]

In July 1961 Albertson was present at an enlarged meeting of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party (tr. 173-174).

At a meeting in November 1961 of the New York County Communist Party Council, held in New York City, Albertson was among those present and gave a report on conditions confronting the Party under the McCarran Act (tr. 175-176). Albertson also announced that the meeting would be the last meeting of the New York County Council of the Party (tr. 176). Another speaker announced that Albertson would be relieved of his responsibilities in the Brooklyn organization of the Party in order to become coordinator of the New York County Coordinating Committee, which would take the place of the New York County Council, and that Albertson would be attached to the State Committee of the Party and be a full-time worker there (tr. 177).

A few days after this meeting Albertson met with the witness Newton at her home to discuss organizational matters in the Village area of the Party (tr. 178). This was in Albertson's capacity as New York Communist Party Coordinator (tr. 177). Later in the month of

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11 Albertson was not present at the general membership meeting (tr. 224-225). Respondent's motion to strike the testimony with reference to the announcement was denied with the understanding that the evidence would be considered only for the purpose of showing that Albertson was considered by the Party people to be a member of the Party (tr. 226).

November 1961 a meeting of the New York County Coordinating Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., was held at the home of the witness Newton (tr. 178-179). Albertson was present, acting as coordinator for the New York County of the Party, and stated that the Coordinating Committee would replace the old County Council, and that similar Coordinating Committees were being set up in all of the boroughs (tr. 179).

In January 1962 the witness Newton attended a meeting of the coordinators of all of the Communist Party clubs in New York County (tr. 179). Albertson, who was present, stated that the meeting was the first of a series of such meetings that would be called as there were problems to be discussed (tr. 180). The witness Newton was present at meetings of the New York County Communist Party Coordinating Committee in February, April, May and July of 1962, at which Albertson was present. At meetings in February he delivered the main report or brought announcements to the meetings (tr. 180-183). The meeting in May 1962 was at Newton's home as was the meeting in July (tr. 182, 183). At the May meeting Albertson read a report recommending organizational changes involving the merger of certain areas (tr. 182). About ten days or two weeks after this (May) meeting, there was a meeting of all of the coordinators of all of the Party clubs in two of the areas which Albertson had said were to be merged (tr. 182-183). Albertson outlined the proposed changes and plans for a new Coordinator for the new area (tr. 183). He said there was no need for a vote because this was an organizational change (tr. 183).

During the months of January, February and April of 1962, Albertson was the Coordinator of the New York County Coordinating Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., to the knowledge of the witness Newton (tr. 182).

b. Testimony of Albert Jackson

As a representative from the Harlem Region of the Party, the witness Jackson attended meetings during the period from April to September 1961 of the New York State Communist Party Committee (tr. 232-233). At a meeting in June 1961 Albertson was present and

participated in the discussion and postponement of a report that was to have been given by the Harlem Region (tr. 233-234). At the meeting in July 1961 Albertson gave a report on the expulsion of a named individual, stating that factional groups or persons who disagree with the leadership or the policy of the leadership will not be tolerated and will be removed, that unity of the Party was a must (tr. 235-236). At the meeting in August 1961, at which Albertson was present, action was taken by the Committee to remove certain members from their positions because they were part of a factional group but they were allowed to stay on the Committee (tr. 239-240).[12]

Jackson testified to two meetings of the Harlem Regional Committee of the Party at which Albertson was present, one in December 1961, and the other in January 1962 (tr. 242-245). At the December meeting Albertson stated that the Party will not tolerate any factional groups, that the life of the Party was at stake and there is no room in the Party for anyone who disagrees with the decisions that are made by the leadership (tr. 243-244). At the January (1962) meeting Albertson criticized the approach taken by one of the "comrades" toward The Worker (tr. 244-245).[13]

Albertson was present and participated in meetings of the Party Club Chairmen, Harlem area, in January 1962, March 1962, April 1962, and May 1962 (tr. 246-249). At the January meeting Albertson read a report on political activity, unity of the Party, and the need to put more effort in a campaign to raise funds for The Worker (tr. 246-247). At the March meeting Albertson gave a report on the need for the "comrades" to get into mass organizations, preferably political organizations (tr. 247-248). Albertson made proposals at the April meeting of

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12 On cross-examination it was developed that anyone present at the State Committee meetings could take part in discussions but only members of the Committee could vote (tr. 265-266). The record is not clear as to whether Albertson actually voted.

13 The term "comrade" is used between members of the Communist Party as meaning a member of the organization (tr. 250).

activities to be undertaken designed to serve the cause of the Party by recruiting members while at the same time minimizing attack from right-wing elements (tr. 248). At the May (1962) meeting Albertson reported on the proposed merger of the Washington Heights group and the Harlem group, and he gave the name of the coordinator between leadership and the merged area (tr. 248-249).[14]

In August 1961 the witness Jackson attended a meeting of the Communist Party New York State Board at which Albertson was present and participated in the discussion (tr. 240-241). The discussion included statements that all club chairmen should go back to their clubs and try to initiate action within mass organizations in support of a third, permanent, political party, the Freedom Party (tr. 240-241).

The witness Jackson had dinner with Albertson in May 1962, at which time Albertson stressed the need for Jackson's Party club to take the initiative in election work in the area since Jackson's club was the central club in Harlem and all work should be geared around it (tr. 249-250). Albertson also told Jackson that he (Albertson) was thinking that Jackson would replace the assistant coordinator between the area and the Party leadership (tr. 250).

c. Testimony of Allen Prince

In early July 1962 the witness Prince attended a Communist Party class at which Albertson lectured on the role of the Communist Party (tr. 110). About a week before the classes, Prince had attended a meeting, at which Albertson was present, of the Communist Party New York District Youth Coordinators (tr. 111).

During the year 1961 the witness Prince attended meetings of the New York State Communist Party Youth Commission (tr. 100). The highest position on the Commission was that of Chairman-coordinator (tr. 100). The position was held in 1961 by Albertson (tr. 100-101). The

14 Albertson also discussed this merger at a meeting in the same month of the New York Coordinating Committee (testimony of the witness Newton, supra).

witness Prince first learned this at a meeting of the Commission when Albertson announced that he would be Chairman-Coordinator of the Commission and that he had been elected Secretary of the New York State Youth Commission of the Communist Party (tr. 101).

In November 1961 there was a reorganization and the Communist Party Youth Coordinators Committee, New York District, was formed in the place of the Youth Commission (tr. 105).[15] The witness Prince attended one meeting of the Coordinators Committee after it was formed; this meeting was held a few weeks following the formation, in late November 1961 (tr. 105-106). Albertson was present and gave the main report on the provisions of the McCarran Act (tr. 106).

Prince, in the preceding month (October 1961) had attended another meeting at which the McCarran Act was the subject of discussion (tr. 106). This was a meeting of the King's County Council of the Communist Party (tr. 107). Albertson stated at the meeting that if the members were arrested they should take the Fifth Amendment, not the First Amendment, and that if they were to receive the registration forms they were to be returned unanswered since the Communist Party had no intention of surrendering the list of its members or any records (tr. 106-107).

Prince was present at an earlier meeting of the King's County Council of the Communist Party that took place in August 1961 (tr. 107-109). At this meeting it was announced that Albertson would serve as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the King's County Council of the Party (tr. 109). Albertson held this position until October 1961 when, at a meeting of the Council at which Albertson was present the chairman of the New York State Communist Party requested that Albertson be released for reassignment (tr. 108-110).

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15 The reorganization was discussed and approved at a Communist Party Youth caucus at which Albertson presided (tr. 102-105). Attendance was not restricted to members of the Communist Party (tr. 228-229; Albertson Exhibit 6).

d. Testimony of Lulu Mae Thompson and Ethel Newton (17th Convention of the Party)

The witness Thompson was a delegate from her Communist Party organization in California to the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party that was held in December 1959 in New York City (tr. 40-41). The witness Newton also attended this convention (supra). Newton observed the presence of Albertson and heard him read a report (supra). The convention adopted certain changes in the Constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (Thompson, tr. 46-47, 282; Newton, tr. 158-159). Under the Constitution, as amended, only members of the Party who had been in good standing for at least five years were eligible for election to the National Committee, and to be eligible for election as a state officer or member of the state committee a member had to be in good standing for at least two years (A.G. Ex. 1, pp. 15 and 10, and A.G. Ex. 2).

At the National Convention, Albertson was one of the people nominated for membership on the National Committee of the Party (Newton, tr. 159-161). Albertson did not decline the nomination or withdraw his name (Newton, tr. 161). Newton testified that on the last day of the convention the election of the National Committee took place (tr. 161). She left the convention before the results were announced (tr. 187-188).[16] At subsequent Party meetings which she attended official reports were made on the events and highlights of the National Convention (tr. 167, 169-171).

The witness Thompson was present at the session of the convention when the results of the election were reported by the elections committee (tr. 59-60). She made notes of the names of the people whom the election committee reported as having been elected and from them prepared a report to the F.B.I. and then the notes were destroyed (tr. 60-69). Thompson stated that at the time she made her report it accurately

16 Since Newton was not present at the National Convention when the elections occurred she does not know whether Albertson was present at that time (tr. 187-188).

reflected the results as read by the elections committee (tr. 63-64). Thompson had no independent recollection of hearing the name Albertson read by the elections committee and her report did not refresh her recollection (tr. 62-63). Over objection portions of her report to the F.B.I. were made a part of the record (tr. 66-69). This portion of Thompson's report listed Albertson among those elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party (tr. 65).

CONCLUSIONS

Taking all the facts together and considered as a whole it is clear that during the period covered by the petition the respondent, William Albertson, by what he has done and said, had the desire and intent to be a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, and there has been meaningful recognition by the Party that it considers him as a member.

Albertson was nominated and elected a member of the National Committee of the Party at the Party National Convention in December 1959. There have been no national conventions held since his election. During 1961 and the first six months of 1962, immediately preceding the hearing herein, Albertson held important positions of leadership in the Party. Among these were: the highest position of the New York State Communist Party Youth Commission; Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the King's County organization of the Communist Party; and Coordinator of the New York County Communist Party.

There were numerous instances of meetings of Communist Party clubs and area organizations which Albertson attended and at which he took an active leadership part, reporting on matters of Communist Party policy and giving instructions from the Party leadership as to programs and activities to be undertaken by the club chairmen and members. Albertson showed a familiarity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Communist Party, and, in May 1962 was an instructor at a Communist Party class where the subject of his instruction was the role of the Communist Party.

Albertson was shown to have conferred on various occasions with other persons holding leadership positions in the Communist Party with respect to the Party's plans. He has stressed to Party clubs the necessity for maintaining unity within the Party and the need to eliminate all factional groups or individuals.

Petitioner's evidence stands uncontroverted. It is impressive and persuasive that respondent, William Albertson, was at the time of the hearing, and since at least the year 1960 has been, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America. The Board so finds by the preponderance of the evidence. There is in effect, and has been since October 20, 1961, a final order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring the Communist Party, U.S.A., to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act as a Communist-action organization.

The respondent, William Albertson, who has not registered under Section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act is in fact required to register under such section. An appropriate order accompanies this Report of the Board.

By the Board:

/s/ Francis A. Cherry, Member
Francis A. Cherry

/s/Thomas J. Donegan, Member
Thomas J. Donegan

/s// James R. Duncan, Member
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/s/ Edward C. Sweeney, Member
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APPENDIX A

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

The Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, which is Title I of the Internal Security Act of 1950, 64 Stat. 987, 50 U.S.C. 781 et seq., provides in pertinent part as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Sec. 3 (3) The term "Communist-action organization" means -

(a) any organization in the United States (other than a diplomatic representative or mission of a foreign government accredited as such by the Department of State) which (i) is substantially directed, dominated, or controlled by the foreign government or foreign organization controlling the world Communist movement referred to in section 2 of this title, and (ii) operates primarily to advance the objectives of such world Communist movement as referred to in section 2 of this title; and

(b) any section, branch, fraction, or cell of any organization defined in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph which has not complied with the registration requirements of this title.

REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST-ACTION ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 8 (a) Any individual who is or becomes a member of any organization concerning which (1) there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register under section 7 (a) of this title as a Communist-action organization, (2) more than thirty days have elapsed since such order has become final, and (3) such organization is not registered under section 7 of this title as a Communist-action organization, shall within sixty days after said order has become final, or within thirty days after becoming a member of such organization, whichever is later, register with the Attorney General as a member of such organization.

(b) Each individual who is or becomes a member of any organization which he knows to be registered as a Communist-action organization under section 7 (a) of this title, but to have failed to include his name upon the list of members thereof filed with the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of section 7 of this title, shall, within sixty days after he shall have obtained such knowledge, register with the Attorney General as a member of such organization.

(c) The registration made by any individual under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be accompanied by a registration statement to be prepared and filed in such manner and form, and containing such information, as the Attorney General shall by regulations prescribe.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE BOARD

Sec. 13. (a) Whenever the Attorney General shall have reason to believe that any organization which has not registered under subsection (a) or subsection (b) of section 7 of this title is in fact an organization of a kind required to be registered under such subsection, or that any individual who has not registered under section 8 of this title is in fact required to register under such section , he shall file with the Board and serve upon such organization or individual a petition for an order requiring such organization or individual to register pursuant to such subsection or section, as the case may be. Each such petition shall be verified under oath, and shall contain a statement of the facts upon which the Attorney General relies in support of his prayer for the issuance of such order.

* * * * *

(g) If, after hearing upon a petition filed under subsection (a) of this section, the Board determines -

(1) that an organization is a Communist-action organization or a Communist-front organization, as the case may be, it shall make a report in writing in which it shall state its findings as to the facts and shall issue and cause to be served on such organization an order requiring such organization to register as such under section 7 of this title; or

(2) that an individual is a member of a Communist-action organization (including an organization required by final order of the Board to register under section 7 (a), it shall make a report in writing in which it shall state its findings as to the facts and shall issue and cause to be served on such individual an order requiring him to register as such under section 8 of this title.

JUDICIAL REVIEW

Sec. 14. (b) Any order of the Board issued under section 13 shall become final -

(1) upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing a petition for review, if no such petition has been duly filed within such time; or

(2) upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing a petition for certiorari, if the order of the Board has been affirmed or the petition for review dismissed by a United States Court of Appeals, and no petition for certiorari has been duly filed, or

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Docket No. I-1-62

ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES,

PETITIONER

v.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON,

RESPONDENT

REGISTRATION ORDER

The Board, after appropriate hearing, having this day issued a report in writing in which it states its findings as to the facts and its conclusion that the respondent, William Albertson, is required to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act, it is

ORDERED that the respondent, William Albertson, shall register under and pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this REGISTRATION ORDER be served upon the respondent, William Albertson.

By the Board:

/s/ Francis A. Cherry, Member
Francis A. Cherry

/s/ Thomas J. Donegan, Member
Thomas J. Donegan

/s/ James R. Duncan, Member
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/s/ Edward C. Sweeney, Member
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(3) upon the denial of a petition for certiorari, if the order of the Board has been affirmed or the petition for review dismissed by a United States Court of Appeals; or

(4) upon the expiration of ten days from the date of issuance of the mandate of the Supreme Court, if such Court directs that the order of the Board be affirmed or the petition for review dismissed.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

On 10/30/62 the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) issued its first order under the membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Under the terms of the order William Albertson, a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, must register with the Attorney General as a Communist Party member.

Albertson is one of the 10 members of the Party's National Committee whose registration was sought by the Attorney General under petitions filed with the SACB on 5/31/62. Albertson was afforded a hearing before the SACB in Washington, D. C., from 9/11/62 to 9/18/62 at which 3 current confidential informants of the New York Office and one former confidential informant of the San Francisco Office appeared as witnesses for the Government. The only issue was to establish Albertson's Communist Party membership subsequent to 12/20/61, the date on which the registration order became final against Communist Party members.

Under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 Albertson now has 60 days to either register as ordered or to take an appeal to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA). John Abt, Albertson's attorney, has already indicated that an appeal will be taken on the claim that Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (the membership registration provision) violates the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution. Should the DCCA uphold the Board's order, a further appeal will undoubtedly be taken to the Supreme Court. Should the high court uphold the order and Albertson still refuses to register, the Government plans to wait 6 days and then seek a 6-count indictment against him. Conviction in the United States District Court would carry a total fine of $60,000 and 30 years imprisonment. This conviction could also be appealed but it would appear that at that stage all of the issues involved, including the constitutional issues, would have been resolved. It is obvious that the 10/30/62 order of the Board is just the beginning of a long, drawn out appellate procedure.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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Since the Albertson case was completed, the SACB has heard 5 additional cases involving other members of the Party's National Committee from the New York area and hearings involving 4 National Committee members from the west coast are scheduled to begin in Los Angeles on 11/7/62. Assuming that the Board orders the registration of these remaining 9 National Committee members, John Abt may seek to ultimately consolidate all 10 cases in one appeal to the DCCA. Such action would, of course, even further extend the time of a decision by the DCCA.

ACTION:

For information. You will be kept advised of pertinent developments with regard to these membership registration cases.

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Alleged Red Is Ordered To Register

United Press International

The Subversive Activities Control Board yesterday ordered the first of 10 persons cited by the Government as Communists to register with the Justice Department.

The Board said it found that William Albertson, 52, was a member of the Communist Party and ordered him to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine of $10,000 and a 5-year prison term. The registration provisions of the Act are expected to be tested in the courts, however, before any penalty is carried out.

The Board said Albertson was elected to the Party's National Committee at the national convention in December, 1959. It said he held other imporant positions in the Party in New York State.

On May 31 Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy petitioned the Board to require Albertson and nine other persons to register as members of the U. S. Communist Party. The nine other petitions are under study.

Kennedy's action is an outgrowth of a 1961 Supreme Court ruling that upheld an order of the Board requiring the Party as such to register.

The Party did not register and subsequent actions have shifted to its officers and individual members.

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SUBJECT: CPUSA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a meeting of the New York District CP Board, held 11/8/62.

Source mentioned is NY 3791-S*, who was in a position to furnish reliable information.

9 - Bureau (100-3-4) (Encls. 11) (RM)
(1 - 100-52444) (ROBERT THOMPSON)
(1 - 100-8029) (BETTY GANNETT TORMEY)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100-39) (WILLIAM PATTERSON)
(1 - 100-135166) [redacted])
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Memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect the identity of NY 3791-S*, whose disclosure would reveal techniques employed to obtain coverage of New York District CP leadership meetings.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bureau 100-3-4

New York, New York
November 9, 1962

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Re: Communist Party, United
States of America
New York District
New York Division
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on November 8, 1962, that a meeting of the New York District Communist Party (NYD CP) Board was held at the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th Street, New York City, on that date.

Robert Thompson, District Organizer of the NYD CP, gave the main report at this meeting. He defined the central problem in New York as not one of organization, but of lack of understanding and acceptance of the Party's political line. There must be an open struggle for the Party's political line and ideology, if necessary in blunt and open controversy. In getting rid of centers of opposition, the Party was practically demobilized in the Counties and Industry.

The Party must be rebuilt as a system of organization with authoritative policy making and administering centers in the Counties and Industry.

The national office has requested the NYD CP to make Betty Gannett available for a specific national post of great importance. It has also requested Joe Brandt be made available for work connected with the national office.

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America
New York District
New York Division

Thompson continued with the following proposals:

1. William Albertson, within the next several weeks, to become Executive Secretary of the NYD CP.

2. James Tormey, when relieved of defense responsibilities, to join the NYD CP staff and be responsible for Trade Union work.

3. Within the next week or ten days, a young comrade be brought into the state center as a part of the collective with the idea that this is a long term investment to develop a new major force in state leadership.

A general discussion of the proposals followed, after which Thompson made the summation. Thompson stated that from the general tenor of discussion, the proposals meet with the approval of the Board. The national office action will determine when these proposals will be proceeded with. Thompson cautioned that regarding Betty Gannett, it was not advisable now to throw the proposal out for general discussion.

Motions to accept the Thompson report and proposals were made and approved by the Board.

The meeting concluded with a general report on the elections made by William Albertson.

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In attendance at this meeting, in addition to those individuals mentioned previously as participants, were William Patterson, [redacted] Betty Gannett and Louis Weinstock.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	11/16/62	10/4 - 11/13/62

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REPORT MADE BY: NEIL P. DIVERS — TYPED BY: cmb

CHARACTER OF CASE

IS - C
ISA - 1950

REFERENCE:

Report of SA NEIL P. DIVERS, dated 10/3/62, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Part I of this report contains admissible evidence and Part II contains inadmissible evidence.

The SAS of the FBI who observed subject's presence at CP headquarters are [redacted], WILLIAM J. BARRON, and JOSEPH G. DEEGAN. Logs reflecting this information are maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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NY T-4	[redacted]
NY T-5 (former [redacted]	
NY T-6	
NY 3791-S*	
NY T-7	
NY 2384-S*	

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At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities in accordance with Bureau instructions relating to the investigation of key figures.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason)
it contains information from current informants, NY T-1 through NY T-4, and from highly confidential sources. Disclosure of these informants and sources would jeopardize the investigation of the CP activities in NYC and would be prejudicial to the national defense interests of the US.
8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 9/10/59 and 10/27/60
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
when he was interviewed on above dates, he gave no indication of cooperation.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
ALBERTSON is coordinator of the NY County CP and is in the employment of the NY District CP. (see report, 6/28/62). ALBERTSON was made executive secretary of the NY District CP on 11/8/62. (instant report).

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: NEIL P. DIVERS
Date: 11/16/62
Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-129629
Bureau File No.: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis: Sources advised that ALBERTSON was made Executive-Secretary of the NYDCP on 11/8/62; attended meeting of NEC, CPUSA on 10/1/62; attended meeting of NYDCP Committee on 9/15/62; attended meeting of the NYDCP Board on 8/23/62, 9/13/62, and 11/8/62; attended meetings of the NYDCP Secretariat on 9/13 and 9/25/62. Observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters on numerous occasions from 8/20/62 to 10/19/62. On 10/29/62, ALBERTSON was ordered to register as a member of the CP by the SACB.

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DETAILS:

PART I

Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

National Executive Committee Meeting

A meeting of the CP, United States of America (USA), National Executive Committee (NEC) was held in New York City from September 28, 1962, through October 2, 1962. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at the October 1, 1962, session. This meeting was devoted to a report on trade union matters.

NY T-1
October 4, 1962

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New York District CP Committee Meeting

On September 15, 1962, a meeting of the New York District CP Committee was held at the Governor Clinton Hotel, New York City. At this meeting BILL ALBERTSON gave the main report on the 1962 elections which consisted of a review of the results of the primary elections held recently in New York City.

NY T-2
September 17, 1962

NY T-3, on September 17, 1962, and NY T-4, on September 17, 1962, furnished substantially the same information as above.

New York District CP Board Meetings

On August 23, 1962, a CP USA New York District Board meeting was held at 229 West 125th Street, New York City. ALBERTSON was present at this meeting and reported on the New York City elections.

NY T-2
August 27, 1962

A meeting of the New York District CP Board was held on September 13, 1962, and BILL ALBERTSON was present. At this meeting ALBERTSON reported on the current Subversive Activities Control Boards (SACB) hearings with reference to the individuals who testified.

NY T-5
September 14, 1962

Presence at CP Headquarters

Subject's almost daily presence at CP headquarters was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from August 20 to October 19, 1962.

Subversive Activities Control Board

On October 29, 1962, the SACB issued an order to WILLIAM ALBERTSON to register as a member of the CP USA under the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950.

"The Worker," November 4, 1962, Page 11, columes one and two, contained an article entitled "ALBERTSON TO APPEAL." This article reflected that the SACB on Tuesday ordered WILLIAM ALBERTSON to register as a member of the CP. ALBERTSON said he would appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals, Washington, DC.

PART II

New York District CP Board

At a meeting of the New York District CP Board, which was held on November 8, 1962, at the Prince George Hotel, New York City, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was proposed as the Executive-Secretary of the New York District CP. This proposal was supported by the board.

NY T-6
November 8, 1962

New York District CP Secretariat

A meeting of the members of the Secretariat of the New York District CP was held at CP headquarters in New York City on September 13, 1962, and ALBERTSON was in attendance. At this meeting ALBERTSON reported to the members of the Secretariat the details of his appearance before the SACB.

NY T-7
September 13, 1962

On September 25, 1962, ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of some members of the New York District CP Secretariat

which was held at CP headquarters. This meeting was concerned with a reorganization of the Youth and a discussion on "The Worker."

NY T-7
September 25, 1962

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-129629

New York, New York
November 19, 1962

Title William Albertson

Character Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act - 1950

Reference is made to New York report of Special Agent Neil P. Divers, captioned and dated as above.

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Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

November 29, 1962

1 - Mr. Ryan

Director, FBI

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Attached are two copies of the report of Special Agent Neil P. Divers dated November 16, 1962, at New York, New York, on the captioned individual.

For your additional information and assistance, certain of the "T" symbols utilized in this report relate to confidential informants who have previously been identified to you under alphabetical designation. They are as follows:

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T-3	2S	(Albany)
T-4	2T	(Albany)
T-5	B	(New York)

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T-1 is an informant who is furnishing information of extreme value and who is not available for interview or testimony. T-6 and T-7 are confidential investigative techniques.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

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SAC, New York (100-129629) December 7, 1962

Director, FBI (65-38100) 1 - Mr. Ryan

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The Department advised on 12/5/62 that, inasmuch as the Subversive Activities Control Board issued a final order to William Albertson on 10/29/62 requiring his registration under the membership provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950, the Department will no longer require investigative reports on the subject to be submitted on an expedite basis.

As Albertson is a key figure of your office, you may submit your future investigative reports on a semiannual basis. In view of Albertson's membership on the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, and his continuing Party activities in a leadership capacity, you should continue to insure that your investigative efforts are thorough and comprehensive.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Department Attorney Oran H. Waterman advised SA E. B. Reddy of the Department's desire on 12/5/62.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: 12/21/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(CO;NY)

ReBulet 11/5/62, reflecting ALBERTSON had 60 days to appeal decision of SACB with U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

WFO has periodically checked the Docket at the U. S. Court of Appeals and as of 12/18/62, no appelate action by subject has been filed.

WFO will continue to follow.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

October 18, 1962

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

UNITED STATES v. COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP PETITION HEARINGS BEFORE THE
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan

We have received from the Department copies of the "Petitioner's Proposed Findings of Fact" which were filed with the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) by the Department in connection with the first 4 hearings before the Board in the current proceedings against 10 national functionaries of the Communist Party, USA, who have failed to register under the Internal Security Act of 1950. Copies of these Proposed Findings of Fact were also furnished to the respondent's counsel John Abt and Joseph Forer and it is presumed they will file an answer with the Board prior to the time a decision is reached by the Board on the Attorney General's petition to the Board to order the registration of the Communist Party functionaries.

The Proposed Findings of Fact are being retained in Bureau files on the individualsrespondents and they are identified and dated as follows:

SACB Docket Number	Respondent	Date
I - 1 - 62	William Albertson	10/8/62
I - 2 - 62	[redacted]	10/11/62
I - 3 - 62	Arnold Samuel Johnson	10/12/62
I - 4 - 62	William L. Patterson	10/17/62

OBSERVATIONS:

A review of these findings of fact reveals that the Department, through the testimony of informant-witnesses furnished by the FBI, has developed an abundance of evidence establishing Communist Party membership and activities on the part of the 4 respondents since the registration provisions of the Act requiring Communist Party members to register became final on 12/20/61. According to the Proposed Findings of Fact, our witnesses were not only able to establish the current Communist Party membership in a leadership capacity of the first 4 respondents but also were

100-372593
1 - 65-38100 (William Albertson) (Enclosure)
1 - 100-375166 [redacted] (Enclosure)
1 - 100-12583 (Arnold Johnson) (Enclosure)
1 - 100-89 (William L. Patterson) (Enclosure)

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able to identify them as nominated and elected to the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, at the last Party convention in December, 1959, and to establish their nomination to and membership on the New York State Communist Party Committee. In the case of Albertson, for example, our informant-witnesses placed him at 20 closed Communist Party meetings since the registration requirements of the Act became effective.

It is obvious from a review of these findings of fact that the Government has clearly established with an abundance of evidence that the first 4 respondents in these hearings before the SACB are in violation of the Internal Security Act of 1950 for failure to register as members of the Communist Party, USA, a communist-action organization as defined by the Act. Undoubtedly the Communist Party attorneys will appeal the expected SACB order to the respondents to register on the basis of the constitutionality of the Act as they have indicated and not on the evidence.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised when the SACB ruling is received in these cases and of any additional pertinent developments in connection with these first hearings before the Board in connection with the registration requirements of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

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/s/ Robert A. Campbell
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/s/ James A. Cronin, Jr.
[redacted]

Attorneys
Department of Justice

October 6, 1962

Findings of Fact

1. There is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register under Section 7(a) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a Communist-action organization. The order became final on October 20, 1961, and was published in the Federal Register on October 21, 1961. More than sixty days have elapsed between the date the order became effective and the filing of the petition in this matter by the Attorney General of the United States.

Determinative of these particular issues is the written ruling handed down by the Board on September 14, 1962, in which it was stated that subject to and in accordance with the normal sentence of Section 7(d) of the Administrative Procedure Act, official notice is taken of the following:

(a) The Subversive Activities Control Board on April 20, 1953, entered an order requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under Section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950;

(b) The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on July 30, 1959, entered its judgment in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board, which affirmed the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization;

(c) The Supreme Court of the United States on October 10, 1961, entered its mandate which affirmed the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which judgment had been entered by the said United States Court of Appeals on July 30, 1959, in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board;

(d) More than ten (10) days have elapsed since the Supreme Court entered its mandate on October 10, 1961, in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board, No. 13, October Term, 1960;

(e) There was published in the Federal Register for October 21, 1961, Volume 26, No. 204, at page 9923, a notice by the Subversive Activities Control Board of the fact that the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under Section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 became final on the 20th day of October 1961; and

(f) More than sixty (60) days have elapsed since October 20, 1961.

2. The Communist Party of the United States of America has not registered with the Attorney General of the United States of America as a Communist-action organization, nor has it filed a registration statement under Section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended.

By stipulation read into evidence (Tr. 34), it was stipulated and agreed, for the purposes of this proceeding only, that the Communist Party of the United States of America has not registered with the Attorney General of the United States, nor has it filed a registration statement pursuant to Section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended.

3. No officer of the Communist Party of the United States of America, nor any authorized representative of the Communist Party of the United States of America, has registered for and on behalf of such organization or filed a registration statement for and on behalf of such organization as required by Section 7(h) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, and by the Attorney General's Regulations, 28 C.F.R., Section 11.805.

By stipulation read into the record (Tr. 34 and 35), it was stipulated and agreed, for the purposes of this proceeding only, that no officer of the Communist Party of the United

States of America, nor any authorized representative of the Communist Party of the United States of America, has registered for and on behalf of such organization or filed a registration statement for or on behalf of such organization pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, and Section 11.25 of the Attorney General's Regulations, 28 C.F.R.

4. The respondent, William Albertson, has not registered or filed a registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to Section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended.

By stipulation read into the record (Tr. 34 and 35), it was stipulated and agreed, for the purposes of this proceeding only, that the respondent, William Albertson, has not registered or filed a registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended.

5. The respondent was in attendance at a meeting of the New York County Council of the Communist Party held in November 1951, at which he gave a report on the conditions confronting the Communist Party under the McCarran Act. In his report, he said that by December 1 he would be required to register under the Act but would not do so, and if summoned to a hearing before the Subversive Activities Control Board, he would avail himself of his rights under the Fifth Amendment (Newton, Tr. 176-177).

6. An announcement was made by the respondent at a meeting of the New York County Coordinating Committee of the Communist Party, USA held in late November 1951. At this meeting he stated that he was then acting as Coordinator for the New York County Communist Party, and that this new committee would replace the old New York County Communist Party Council. He also stated that similar committees were being set up in all of the boroughs in the New York City area (Newton, Tr. 179).

7. At a meeting of the New York State Harlem Regional Committee of the Communist Party held in December 1961, the respondent stated that the Communist Party will not tolerate any factional groups, as the life of the Party is at stake and there is no room in the Communist Party for those who disagree with the decisions of the leadership (Jackson, Tr. 244).

8. At a meeting of the New York State Youth Commission of the Communist Party held during 1961, the respondent announced that he would be the Chairman-Coordinator of the New York State Youth Commission of the Communist Party, and that he held the elective position of Secretary of the New York State Youth Commission of the Communist Party (Prince, Tr. 191).

9. In January 1962, the respondent attended a meeting of the Club Coordinators of the New York County Communist Party. In the course of the meeting, he stated that this was the first of a series of such meetings that would be called, as there were problems to be discussed (Norton, Tr. 179-180).

10. At a Communist Party meeting of the Club Chairmen in the Harlem area held in January of 1962, the respondent read a report which dealt with three topics; namely, political activity, unity of the Party, and "The Worker" campaign. He stated in the report that Party members must work in the political arena to defeat right-wing elements and that the club chairmen should go back to their clubs and see to it that the members work in mass organizations and political organizations. He further said that unity among all Party members at this time is a must (Jackson, Tr. 246-247).

11. During a meeting of the New York County Communist Party Coordinating Committee held in May 1962, the respondent read a report recommending organizational changes within that county. In his report he stated that the Harlem and Washington Heights sections of the Communist Party were to be merged, and that the Chelsea area was to be merged with

the Upper West Side. Additionally, he stated that a merger was to take place whereby the Village and the Lower West Side areas are to merge into the Lower Manhattan area (Newton, Tr. 182).

18. In about May of 1962, the respondent attended a meeting of the Club Coordinators of all the Communist Party clubs in the Lower West Side and Village areas. At the meeting, where he outlined the merger of these two areas, a proposal was made that the matter be put to a vote. The respondent stated there was no need for a vote, because this was simply an organizational change and not a policy change (Newton, Tr. 183).

19. At a meeting held in May of 1962, of the Club Chairmen in the Communist Party Harlem Section, the respondent proposed the merger between the Washington Heights and the Harlem Clubs. At that time, he said that Jack Finn would be a coordinator between the Communist Party leadership and the Harlem-Washington Heights area (Jackson, Tr. 240).

14. In the month of June 1961, the respondent attended a meeting of the New York State Communist Party Committee and took part in the discussions to arrange for the committee to hear a proposed report by Party members in the Harlem area (Jackson, Tr. 233-234).

15. The respondent attended and took part in a meeting of the New York State Communist Party Committee held in July 1961 called for the purpose of indoctrinating Party members on matters of internal policy relating to racial issues and to be taken in purging factional elements from the Party (Jackson, Tr. 233-234).

16. The respondent attended and took part in a meeting of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party held in August 1961, where action was taken by the committee against four Party members for being a part of a factionalist group. These members were removed from their Party positions but were allowed to remain on the New York State Communist Party Committee (Jackson, Tr. 239-240).

17. In August 1961, the respondent attended and took part in a meeting of the New York State Board of the Communist Party, where there was discussion on political activity. In the course of the discussion it was brought out that all chairmen of Party clubs were instructed to return to their clubs and promote more work in mass organizations with the view of working toward developing a third permanent political party. (Jackson, Tr. 243-244).

18. The respondent attended a meeting of the Harlem Regional Committee of the Communist Party held in December 1961, where he gave instructions to members of this committee as to the Party's policy on factionalism (Jackson, Tr. 263-264).

19. In the month of January 1962, the respondent attended and took a leadership part in a meeting of the Harlem Regional Committee of the Communist Party, which meeting was devoted to matters of internal Party policy.

20. In the months of January 1962 and February 1962, the respondent attended two meetings of the New York County Coordinating Committee, where he took an active part in the meeting agenda by giving reports on Party matters or in making announcements as to matters pertaining to Communist Party business. (Newton, Tr. 140-141).

21. In the months of January 1962, March 1962, April 1962, and May 1962, the respondent attended meetings of the Club Chairmen, Harlem Section of the Communist Party. At these meetings he took an active leadership part, reported on matters of Communist Party policy, and furnished instructions from the Party leadership as to the areas and activities on which the club chairmen and club members should concentrate. He also proposed organizational changes for the clubs functioning in the Harlem area, and named an individual who was to act as the Party coordinator to handle matters between the Party leadership and the Harlem Section (Jackson, Tr. 246-247).

22. The 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA was held in New York City on December 10-13, 1959. The respondent was present at sessions of this convention and read a report on youth (Newton, Tr. 156-157).

23. At the concluding session of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA there was an election of candidates for membership on the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA. The respondent's name was read among the candidates from New York State, and he did not withdraw his name as a candidate (Newton, Tr. 160-161). The results of this election were announced at the conclusion of the convention, and among those elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA was William Albertson, having received 107.1 votes (Thompson, Tr. 65 and 70).

24. The Constitution of the Communist Party, USA was the subject matter of a report at the aforementioned 17th National Convention of the Communist Party. Following the report given by the Constitution Committee, the delegates voted on and adopted certain recommended changes (Thompson, Tr. 66, 67, and 68). The Constitution in effect at the time of such election made eligible for election to the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA only members of the organization who had been in good standing for at least five years preceding the election (Thompson, Tr. 70 and A.G. Exhibit No. 1, Section 8, Amendment Section 9, p. 15). No National Convention has been held by the Communist Party, USA since December 1959 (Thompson, Tr. 78; Newton, Tr. 160).

25. In January 1960, the New York State Communist Party held a Reconvened Convention in New York City, where there was an election of the members of the New York State Communist Party Committee (Newton, Tr. 157). Those nominated for this office, including the respondent, were announced by Ben Davis, National Secretary of the Communist Party,

16. During the months of June, July, and August 1961, the respondent attended meetings of the New York State Communist Party Committee and served as a member of such committee by participating in the business agenda and in voting on the matters arising at those meetings (Jackson, Tr. 233-238; Huston, Tr. 174-175). Only members of the New York State Committee were allowed to vote at these meetings (Jackson, Tr. 244).

17. At a meeting held in October 1961 of the Kings County Council of the Communist Party of New York State, the respondent instructed members of such council that if they received registration forms under the McCarran Act, they were to send them back to the Subversive Activities Control Board unanswered, and if they were arrested, they were to take the Fifth Amendment and not the First Amendment. He told them the Communist Party had no intention of surrendering the list of its members nor any records (Prince, Tr. 187).

18. In about November 1961, the respondent, as Party Coordinator of the New York County Communist Party, met with Ethel Norton and discussed organizational matters of the Communist Party relating to the Greenwich Village area in New York City. The discussion concerned methods to be used in keeping records within the Communist Party clubs in that area, recruiting more Communist Party members, and the handling of the finances to be turned in directly to the respondent by the clubs (Norton, Tr. 178).

19. In May 1962, the respondent served as an instructor at a Communist Party class where the subject matter of his instruction was the role of the Communist Party (Prince, Tr. 110).

20. In May of 1962, during a dinner engagement with Albert Jenkins, the respondent stressed the need for the 11th A.D. Club of the Communist Party in Harlem to take the initiative in elections work in that area. He said that such club was the central club in Harlem

and that all work should be geared around that club with the support of other clubs in Harlem and Washington Heights. He mentioned that it was his thought that Albert Jackson would replace Leon Love as the Assistant Coordinator of the Communist Party Section in the Harlem area (Jackson, Tr. 248-250).

31. A special membership meeting of the Communist Party of New York County, State of New York, was held in January 1960 in New York City. At this meeting the County Organizer announced that the respondent was the Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of the State of New York (Newton, Tr. 171 and 172).

32. In the year 1961 up to November of that year, the respondent was the Organizer-Coordinator of the New York State Communist Party Youth Commission (Prince, Tr. 100).

33. In August 1961, the respondent attended a meeting of the New York State Board of the Communist Party (Jackson, Tr. 240-241).

34. The Administrative Committee of the Kings County Communist Party organization was formed in August 1961 at a meeting of the Kings County Council of the Communist Party. At this meeting, the respondent was assigned to serve as Chairman of this Administrative Committee. He served as chairman of such committee until October 1961, when at a meeting of the Kings County Council of the Communist Party held during that month he was released for reassignment at the request of the chairman of the New York State Communist Party (Prince, Tr. 107-110).

35. During the month of November 1961, there was a change in the organizational structure of the New York State Communist Party Youth Commission, which occurred at a Communist Party Youth Caucus held that month. The respondent presided at this caucus and read proposals of the New York State Communist Party Commission that the Communist Party Youth Clubs be broken up into four different clubs, each of which is

to elect a new Coordinator. The proposals read by him named an individual to serve as the central club coordinator to handle matters between the Communist Party State leadership and the youth clubs. The proposals were voted on and passed as this caucus (Private, Tr. 103).

32. At a meeting of the New York County Council of the Communist Party held in November 1941, at which the respondent was present, it was announced that Mr. William Albertson, would be relieved of his responsibilities in the Brooklyn organization so that he could become Coordinator of the New York County Coordinating Committee attached to the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, and that he would be a full-time worker in that capacity (Duncan, Tr. 177).

33. During the months of January, February, and April 1942, the respondent was the Coordinator of the New York County Coordinating Committee, New York State Communist Party (Duncan, Tr. 178).

34. The Communist Party of New York State is a subdivision of the Communist Party of the United States of America and within the organizational structure of the Communist Party of New York State are such subdivisions as the New York County Communist Party, the Harlem Region and the Lower East Side Region.

35. From prior to December 1939, continuing to and beyond May 31, 1942, the respondent has been an active member and functionary of the Communist Party of the United States of America. In pursuing his membership and activity in the organization he, to his knowledge, has been accepted as an officer and functionary of the organization and by action and conduct he, among other things, has executed orders, plans, and directives of the organization; conferred with officers and members in behalf of plans and enterprises of the organization; and advised, counseled, and imparted information to officers and members as to matters of policy of the organization.

40. The respondent, William Albertson, was at all times material a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization, and as such was required under Section 2(a) and (b) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General on or before December 31, 1961.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, ROBERT A. CRANDALL, hereby certify that I have, on this 8th day of October, 1952, sent by Registered Mail a copy of Petitioner's Proposed Findings of Fact to John J. Abt, Esquire, 320 Broadway, New York, New York and Joseph Power, Esquire, 711 14th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

/s/ Robert A. Crandall
ROBERT A. CRANDALL

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReBulet, 11/5/62.

Records of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, WDC, reviewed on 12/28/62, in No. 17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, v. Subversive Activities Control Board, Respondent, reflect that attorneys for the petitioner filed a "Petition for Review" on 12/26/62, asking the court to review and set aside the order of the SACB issued on 10/29/62. The petition notes that the order of the Board requires the petitioner to register under sections 8(a) and 7(c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 "as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization."

The petition sets forth "Grounds for Relief" as follows:

1) Sections 8 and 13 of the Act, on their face and as applied, are unconstitutional. They violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, which petitioner hereby asserts, and the First Amendment, and deny petitioner due process of law and trial by jury, as required by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, and Article III, 2, cl.3, and constitute a bill of attainder.

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2) The findings and order of the Board are based on erroneous constructions of the Act.

3) The findings and order of the Board are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

4) The findings and order of the Board are based on irrelevant evidence.

5) The report of the Board fails to define adequately the grounds and reasoning of the order.

6) The Board erred in holding petitioner was bound by the Board's prior determination that the Communist Party was a Communist-action organization.

The above "Petition for Review" was filed on 12/26/62 by attorneys JOHN J. ABT, 320 Broadway, New York 7, N.Y., and JOSEPH FORER, WDC, and notes that a copy of same was served on the Attorney General through Attorney ORAN H. WATERMAN, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.

WFO will follow in the U.S. Court of Appeals, and advise of additional developments in this case.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: December 31, 1962

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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On December 26, 1962, Communist Party attorneys John Abt and Joseph Forer filed with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) a "Petition for Review" in the Albertson and Friedlander cases, asking the Court to review and set aside the Orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) issued on October 29, 1962 and November 2, 1962, respectively, requiring Albertson and Friedlander to register with the Attorney General as members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) under Section 8 (a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Petitions are based upon claims (1) that Section 8 of the Act violates the First, Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the Constitution; (2) that the SACB Order in each case was based upon erroneous construction of the Act, was not supported by a preponderance of the evidence and was based upon irrelevant evidence; (3) that the SACB Report in each case failed to define adequately the grounds and reasoning of the SACB Order; and (4) that the Board erred in holding Albertson and Friedlander bound by the Board's prior determination that the CPUSA is a Communist action organization.

OBSERVATIONS:

Registration Orders have been issued to date by the SACB in six of the ten membership registration cases which the Board has heard. According to Department Attorney Oran Waterman, CP Attorneys Forer and Abt have indicated that while they will file a "Petition for Review" in each case in which a Registration Order is issued merely to "protect" the right of appeal, they are willing to process the appeals in only two of the ten cases (Albertson and Roscoe Proctor) and to be bound in the remaining cases by the final rulings in the Albertson and Proctor cases.

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Waterman said that the proposal by Abt and Forer is currently being considered by the Appeals Section in the Department but that a final decision has not been reached as to whether the Government should go along with it. Waterman said that the Proctor case was probably chosen because of the racial angle (Proctor is a Negro) and the Albertson case because it was the first one heard. Waterman said that he would advise us when the Appeals Section reaches a decision.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 1/31/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReWFOairtel 12/28/62.

Records of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., in Number 17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, v. SACB, Respondent, reflect that on 1/21/63, the petitioner filed a "Motion for Prehearing Conference and to Postpone Briefing", which is as follows:

The petitioner, by his attorneys, moves (1) that the Court schedule a prehearing conference under Rule 38(k) in this case at its convenience; and (2) that it extend the times for petitioner to file his statement as to the contents of the joint appendix (Rule 16(b)) and his brief to such times as the Court may approve or order at the prehearing conference.

This is a case to review an order of the Board under section 13(g)(2) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, 50 U.S.C. 792(g)(2), requiring the petitioner to register under section 8(a) and (c) of the Act, 50 U.S.C. 787(a), (c), as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America. It is the first proceeding of its kind. We anticipate that nine to thirteen similar cases, in all of which the undersigned are counsel for the individuals involved, will soon be in this Court.* (See top, next page)

Counsel for both sides believe that with the aid of a prehearing conference it will be possible to reduce

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* "In one of these cases a petition for review has been filed (No. 17,493), but the record has not yet been lodged or certified. In seven cases, adverse Board decisions have been entered, and petitions for review will be filed in the near future. In one case, an adverse recommended decision has been entered, and final Board decision momentarily expected. Four cases are awaiting Board hearings.

the number of issues, to select two cases as test cases, and to agree that the other cases shall abide the result of the test cases, thereby eliminating the necessity for such other cases to be briefed and heard.

We have been authorized by respondent's counsel (Mr. KEVIN MARONEY of the Department of Justice) to state that the respondent agrees to this motion.

Submitted by
JOHN J. ABT
JOSEPH FORER
Attorneys for Petitioner
1/21/63, copy mailed to [redacted] DJ, WDC.

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WFO continuing to follow in USCA and will advise of additional developments in this case.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReWFOlet dated 1/31/63.

Records of the United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., in number 17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, v. SACB, Respondent, as of 2/14/63, reflect that by letter dated 2/8/63, the Clerk of the Court notified counsel that the Court has set a prehearing conference for 2/21/63 at 2:00 p.m. Letter states that purpose of the conference is to give counsel ample opportunity to achieve agreement on the statement of the issues and to arrange between themselves for a briefing schedule; further, that the Court expects immediate steps will be taken for such a conference. It is stated that should counsel be unable to agree on the issues, the Court desires that each Counsel submit his version of the claimed issues in a statement to be filed no later than Monday, February 18, 1963.

It was learned from the General Counsel's Office, SACB, on 2/14/63, that attorneys for the petitioner have requested a postponement for the above scheduled conference to a future date in early March, 1963, inasmuch as co-counsel in the case, JOSEPH FORER, is presently engaged in conducting hearings in the Mine-Mill case in San Francisco, California.

Although the records of the United States Court of Appeals, when checked on 2/14/63, did not reflect that a request for postponement had been lodged with the Court, WFO will follow this matter in that Court and advise of pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 3/4/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReWFOairtel 2/15/63.

Records of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., in No. 17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, v. SACB, Respondent, as of 2/28/63, reflect that on 2/13/63, the petitioner filed a motion to postpone pre-hearing conference from 2/21/63, to 3/7/63, due to the unavailability of counsel in the case until that time. No objection to the postponement was lodged by counsel for the respondent.

On 2/20/63, the Court ordered that the pre-hearing conference be postponed to Thursday, 3/7/63, at 2 p.m.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) 3/14/63

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P)

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ReWFOlet 3/4/63, advising that a prehearing conference was scheduled in the captioned case in the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., for 3/7/63. Prehearing conference was also scheduled the same date in the [redacted] case, No. 17493, (Buffile 100-375166). b6 b7C

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On 3/8/68, [redacted], General Counsel's Office, SACB, Washington, D. C., advised that the prehearing conference in the ALBERTSON and [redacted] cases was held as scheduled on 3/7/68. At this time counsel for the parties in these cases presented a stipulation for the presiding judges' consideration. The stipulation was agreed upon by counsel in the cases prior to the prehearing conference, and is as follows: b6 b7C

"United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

No. 17492 WILLIAM ALBERTSON v SACB

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No. 17548 ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON v SACB

No. 17617 WILLIAM L. PATTERSON v SACB

No. 17618 BETTY GANNETT TOOMEY v SACB

No. 17619 ALBERT JASON LIMA v SACB

No. 17620 BURT GALE NELSON v SACB

No. 17621 LOUIS WEINSTOCK v SACB

No. 17622 DOROTHY HEALEY v SACB

No. 17633 ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v SACB"

"STIPULATION

"The undersigned are counsel for the respective parties in all of the ten captioned cases and, subject to approval of the Court, it is hereby agreed and stipulated as follows:

"1. That the petitioner in each of these cases is raising only legal issues which are common to all ten cases. This means that the petitioner is not contesting the Board's ultimate finding, that the petitioner is a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, is supported by

a preponderance of the evidence, is not raising questions of evidence as to that finding or of production under 18 U.S.C. 3500, and is not raising any questions which would have any variance because of evidentiary differences in the cases;

"2. That No. 17492 (Albertson v. S.A.C.Board) and No. 17623 (Proctor v. S.A.C.Board) will be consolidated and briefed and argued together according to the procedure to be ordered by the Court following the prehearing conference on March 7, 1963, in Nos. 17492 and 17493.

"3. That whatever judgments are entered on the merits in the consolidated Albertson and Proctor cases after the processes of appeal have been exhausted shall be entered in the other eight cases. This means that the eventual disposition of the Albertson and Proctor cases by this Court, or on their review by the Supreme Court, will be the disposition made in the form of judgments in the other cases;

"4. That this stipulation shall only concern these ten cases and shall have no bearing or effect whatsoever on any proceedings now pending before the Subversive Activities Control Board or on any cases which are hereafter filed in the Board by the Attorney General.

John J. Abt

Joseph Forer
Counsel for Petitioners

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Counsel for Respondent

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General Counsel
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[redacted] advised that JOSEPH FORTE made a statement at the prehearing conference to the effect that he would seek a similar stipulation in the four remaining cases which will ultimately be presented for appeal. (These are CLAUDE HACK LIGHTFOOT, Report and Order of the Board, 3/5/68; SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS, Report and Order of the Board, 3/8/68; SAMUEL KUSHNER and FLORA HALL KUSHNER, Recommended Decisions of the Board, due latter part of March, 1968. None of these latter four cases have reached the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., as yet.)

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No definite briefing schedule was agreed upon at the prehearing conference; counsel for the petitioners in these cases sought a late filing date for somewhere around October, 1968; counsel for respondent sought a date approximately 60 days from the prehearing conference.

Acceptance of the stipulation by the Court and a briefing schedule will be forthcoming on orders of the Court of Appeals; accordingly, WFO will follow these matters and advise of pertinent developments.

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Records of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., in captioned matter, and in the other nine individual membership cases, presently pending in the USCA, show that on

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Respondent's brief, not to exceed 100 pages, shall be filed on or before 8/20/63.

Petitioners' reply brief, if any, and the joint appendix of the parties shall be filed on or before 9/16/63.

The Court order notes that the briefs and the joint appendix of the parties may be filed in mimeographed form to be approved by the Clerk, and the Clerk is hereby directed to set this case for hearing in September on a date after 9/16/63 as the business of the Court will permit.

WFO following these cases in the USCA and will advise of future developments.

3/20/63, the Court issued a "Prehearing Order" under the following caption:

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No. 17492 WILLIAM ALBERTSON v SACB
No. [redacted] v SACB
No. 17548 ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON v SACB
No. 17617 WILLIAM L. PATTERSON v SACB
No. 17618 BETTY GANNETT TORMEY v SACB
No. 17619 ALBERT JASON LIMA v SACB
No. 17620 BURT GALE NELSON v SACB
No. 17621 LOUIS WEINSTOCK v SACB
No. 17622 DOROTHY HEALEY v SACB
No. 17623 ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v SACB

The order states that counsel for the parties in these cases appeared before the Court on 3/7/63 for a pre-hearing conference pursuant to Rule 38 (k) of the General Rules of the Court, at which time counsel informed the court that they were in agreement on the issues common to all of the cases, and that each party will state the issues in its brief as its counsel deems advisable.

It is stated further that counsel further submitted a stipulation to the Court, wherein among other things the parties agreed that Case No. 17492, ALBERTSON v SACB, and No. 17623, PROCTOR v SACB will be consolidated for all purposes and that whatever judgments are entered in said cases shall be entered in the remaining 8 cases, with like disposition of four related cases which upon later stipulation may herein be included and treated as those presently before the court as involving the same points. Counsel further informed the court that they were unable to agree upon a briefing schedule.

On consideration of the foregoing, the Court ordered that the aforesaid procedure with respect to the issues and the stipulation submitted by counsel are hereby approved.

It was further ordered that 17492 and 17623 are consolidated for all purposes, and the schedule for the filing of the briefs and the joint appendix, is as follows:

Petitioners' brief, not to exceed 100 pages, shall be filed on or before 7/1/63.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: MAY 7 1963

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P*)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(OO:NY)

ReWFOairtel 3/22/63, setting forth the contents of a Prehearing Order issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on 3/20/63 in captioned case, and in other cases similarly situated which are now pending before the United States Court of Appeals. (USCA)

For information of offices not receiving copy of referenced airtel, the USCA's order of 3/20/63 ordered that the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases be consolidated for all purposes, and that whatever judgments are entered in these cases shall be entered in the remaining eight cases [redacted] JOHNSON; PATTERSON; TORMEY; LIMA; NELSON; WEINSTOCK; and HEALEY) with like disposition of four related cases which upon later stipulation may herein be included (SAMUEL K. DAVIS; CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT; SAMUEL KUSHNER; and FLORA HALL KUSHNER).

The briefing schedule for the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases was set starting 7/1/63 extending through 9/16/63; and the hearing in the USCA was set for a date after 9/16/63 as the business of the Court will permit.

Records of the USCA in the ALBERTSON through PROCTOR cases, periodically checked to 5/1/63, show no additional action beyond the 3/20/63 Prehearing Order,

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(2-100-54015) (BURT GALE NELSON)
(2-100-98594) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
(2-100-18459) (DOROTHY HEALEY)
(2-100-282013) (ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR)
(2-100-60055) (SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS)
(2-100-108) (CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT)
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(2-100-40169) (FLORA HALL KUSHNER)
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as noted above. Since it appears unlikely there will be any additional action until the time for the filing of the briefs, cases ALBERTSON through PROCTOR are being placed in a P* status in the WFO; however, WFO will continue to periodically check these cases in the USCA, and in the event there should be any additional pertinent developments prior to briefing time, the Bureau and appropriate offices will be so advised.

Reports and Orders of the Board (SACB) in the LIGHTFOOT and SAMUEL K. DAVIS cases were issued on 3/5/63 and 3/8/63 respectively, ordering them to register as CP members pursuant to the provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended. As of 5/1/63, the records of the USCA at Washington,D.C. did not indicate that LIGHTFOOT and DAVIS had, as yet, filed appeals in that court.

Reports and Orders of the Board in both KUSHNER cases were issued on 4/26/63. WFO is following these four cases in the USCA, and will advise when appeals are filed.

In the remaining six cases, [redacted] through POTASH, the Justice Department filed registration petitions with the SACB on 4/11/63, and these are presently in the process of being served and set for hearings in the SACB. WFO will follow these latter six cases in the SACB and will advise when a Recommended Decision or a Report and Order of the Board is issued.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Buffile- 65-38100) DATE: 5/6/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only):*

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Aliases		
☐ Native Born	☐ Naturalized	☐ Alien
☐ Communist	☐ Socialist Workers Party	☐ Independent Socialist League
☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)*		
☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
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Key Facility Data Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility 65-38100
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	5/16/63	11/12/62 - 5/10/63

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REPORT MADE BY: NEIL P. DIVERS — TYPED BY: jec

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA NEIL P. DIVERS, dated 11/16/62 at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Part I of this report contains admissible evidence and Part II contains inadmissible evidence.

The SAS of the FBI who observed subject's presence at CP Headquarters are [redacted] WILLIAM J. BARRON and [redacted] Logs reflecting this information are maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub 0.

The SAS of the FBI who observed subject's presence at 575 6th Ave., NYC, on 3/16/63, are [redacted] and [redacted]

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The SAS of the FBI who observed subject's presence at 575 6th Ave., NYC on 2/9/63 are JOHN F. LAWYTRY and [redacted] b6 b7C

The original FD 302's concerning the bank records of the Jefferson Book Shop, Inc., are located in [redacted] b7D

A current Bureau approved thumbnail sketch for May Day, 1963 is not available at this time.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	File # Where Located
NY T-1 [redacted]	100-129629-7085
NY T-2	characterization of GUS HALL
NY 694-S*	characterization of E.G. FLYNN
NY T-3 [redacted]	[redacted] used to characterize ROBERT THOMPSON
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities in accordance with Bureau instructions relating to the investigation of key figures.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

it contains information from current informants, NY T-1 through NY T-26, and from highly confidential sources. Disclosure of these informants and sources would jeopardize the investigation of the CP activities in NYC and would be prejudicial to the national defense interests of the US.

8. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 9/10/59 and 10/27/60
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

When he was interviewed on above dates, he gave no indication of cooperation.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

ALBERTSON was made executive secretary of the NY District CP on 11/8/62. (report of 11/16/62).

11. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: NEIL P. DIVERS
Date: 5/16/63

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: NY 100-129629

Bureau File #: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

Synopsis: WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 86 West End Ave., Brooklyn, NY. He attended meetings of the CPUSA National Board on 1/18/63 and 4/17/63; attended meetings of the NY District CP Committee during Feb. and March, 1963; attended NY District CP Board meetings from 11/62 through 4/63. On 7/9/62, he was listed as President of the Jefferson Book Shop, Inc. Observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters on an almost daily basis from 11/16/62 to 4/9/63. On 3/7/63 a stipulation was entered into between Government attorneys and counsel for ALBERTSON wherein it was agreed to consolidate ALBERTSON's case with that of ROSCOE PROCTOR and that final determination in the case shall be entered in eight other similar cases. Briefs are to be filed in August & Sept., 1963 & a hearing is to be set for a date in 9/63.

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Declassified by 6080 on 1-24-77

DETAILS:

PART I

BACKGROUND

Residence

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by the writer to enter his residence at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York on April 26, 1963 and proceed to the second floor apartment.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Dec. 1977
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Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

CPUSA National Board Meeting

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CP United States of America (USA) National Board which was held at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City on April 17, 1963. GUS HALL opened this meeting with a one hour talk on the recent encyclical of Pope JOHN XXIII on "Peace". He hailed it as one of the finest and significant documents in the world today. He said the Church was influenced towards issuing this document by the change in the balance of power toward Socialism.

NY T-1
April 17, 1963

GUS HALL is the General Secretary, CPUSA.

NY T-2
May 7, 1962

New York District CP Committee Meetings Attended

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the speakers at a meeting of the New York District CP Committee which was held on March 16, 1963 at 575 6th Avenue, New York City. ALBERTSON gave a short report on "The Worker" situation in which he stated that the paper was in need of money and that the fund drive was not progressing as well as it should.

NY T-3
March 25, 1963

NY T-4 on March 20, 1963, furnished substantially the same information as above.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON enter the building at 575 6th Avenue, New York City on March 16, 1963.

"The Worker" is an east coast weekly Communist newspaper.

ALBERTSON was present on February 9-10, 1963 at a meeting of the New York District CP Committee which was held at 575 6th Avenue, New York City.

NY T-5
February 13, 1963

A meeting of the New York District CP Committee was held on February 10, 1963 at 575 6th Avenue, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON spoke on the reorganization of the New York District CP and stated the purpose of it was for the rebuilding of the New York District Party. He mentioned that the New York Board would consist of 14 members whom he described as being leaders in mass organizations and would meet once a week to discuss current problems. The District Committee would consist of 45 members and would meet once a month to discuss the problems that had been taken up by the board. He stated that due to the Mc Carran Act, the Party was unable to hold a District Convention to elect a new District Committee and that the names of persons would not be discussed at this time.

NY T-3
February 10, 1963

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NY T-6 on February 11, 1963, furnished substantially the same information as above.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the FBI to enter the building at 575 6th Avenue, New York City on February 9, 1963.

New York District CP Board Meetings Attended

At a New York District CP Board meeting held on April 1, 1963, at the Second Avenue Manor, 23 Second Avenue, New York City, ALBERTSON made a report on May Day. He stated that members of the clubs should make phone calls to party and non party people inviting them to attend a May Day Committee meeting scheduled on April 6, 1963. He also stated that each county should hold one open air meeting prior to May Day.

NY T-3
April 2, 1963

ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board which was held on March 4, 1963 at the Ukrainian Labor Hall, 85 East 4th Street, New York City. The main topic for discussion at this meeting was the problem of school integration in the areas in New York City.

NY T-3
March 5, 1963

On February 25, 1963, the New York District CP Board meeting was held at 853 Broadway, New York City. Part of the agenda for this meeting was a report on the May Day Committee by WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

NY T-3
February 26, 1963.

ALBERTSON was present at a New York District CP Board meeting held on February 18, 1963 at 575 6th Avenue, New York City.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present on January 24, 1963 at a New York District CP Board meeting which was held at the Hotel Martinique, New York City. At this meeting, a report was made by ROLERT THOMPSON on the reorganization of the New York District CP.

NY T-3
January 25, 1963

By action of the New York District Board, New York District CP, on October 29, 1962, THOMPSON was elected District Organizer of the New York District CP.

NY T-3
October 30, 1962

On January 10, 1963, a New York District CP Board meeting was held at the Prince George Hotel, New York City and ALBERTSON was in attendance. At this meeting ALBERTSON gave the main report on the financial condition of "The Worker".

NY T-3
January 14, 1963

On December 27, 1962, ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at 229 West 105th Street, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON gave a report on the reorganization of the New York District CP.

NY T-3
December 31, 1962

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On December 13, 1962, a New York District CP Board meeting was held at the Hotel Sheraton - Atlantic, New York City and ALBERTSON was in attendance. This meeting was mainly concerned with a report on the recent newspaper strike and also a report on the financial condition of "The Worker."

NY T-3
December 20, 1962

A New York District CP Board meeting was held on November 29, 1962 at the Hotel Albert in New York City and ALBERTSON was present at this meeting. The topics of conversation were on the housing situation in New York City, as well as a discussion on China and India.

NY T-3
November 30, 1962

CP Club Meetings Attended

On January 18, 1963, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the 11th Assembly District Club of the Harlem Region of the CP, which was held at 141 West 111th Street, New York City. It was announced at this meeting that ALBERTSON had been sent from CP headquarters to help reorganize the 11th Assembly District Club.

NY T-7
January 30, 1963

NY T-3 on January 21, 1963, furnished substantially the same information as above.

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ALLENTUCH was in attendance at a meeting of the Spanish CP Club which was held on November 27, 1962 at 1513 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York. At this meeting, ALLENTUCH suggested that better support must be given to the newspaper "La Nueva Voz."

NY T-9
December 3, 1962

A characterization of "La Nueva Voz" is included in the appendix attached hereto.

CP Meetings Attended Outside New York City

WILLIAM ALLENTUCH was the featured speaker at a meeting of the Capital District Group of the New York State CP which was held in Schenectady, on February 15, 1963. ALLENTUCH gave a report on the China - Russia split and the crucial differences on the question of peaceful coexistence.

NY T-6
February 21, 1963

NY T-5 on February 26, 1963 furnished substantially the same information as above.

39th Anniversary Celebration of "The Worker"

The celebration was held on March 3, 1963 by "The Worker" to commemorate its 39th anniversary at Carnegie Hall, New York City. At this affair, WILLIAM ALLENTUCH was one of the speakers and was introduced as a spokesman for the CP in New York State.

NY T-10
March 14, 1963

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The following furnished substantially the same information as above:

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NY T-12	March 11, 1963
NY T-13	March 12, 1963
NY T-14	March 12, 1963
NY T-15	March 13, 1963
NY T-16	March 14, 1963
NY T-17	March 14, 1963
NY T-18	March 15, 1963
NY T-19	March 18, 1963
NY T-20	March 18, 1963
NY T-21	March 22, 1963
NY T-22	March 22, 1963

Reception for HY LUMER

On January 27, 1963, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance at a party welcoming home HY LUMER at the Festival Restaurant in New York City.

NY T-3
January 29, 1963

HY LUMER is National Education Director CPUSA.

NY T-23
March 14, 1963

Reception for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present on March 29, 1963 at a reception which was held in honor of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN at the Hotel Belmont Plaza, New York City, on the occasion of the publication of her new book "The Alderson Story."

NY T-24
April 8, 1963

NY 100-129629

NY T-15 on April 4, 1963 furnished substantially the same information as above.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is Chairman of the CPUSA.

NY T-2
May 7, 1962

Jefferson Book Shop, Inc.

On the date indicated, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the payee of a check drawn on the account of the Jefferson Book Shop, Inc., at the Commercial Bank of North America, 116 5th Avenue, New York City, New York.

Check Number	Date of Check	Amount	Bank of Deposit and Endorser
9005	March 11,1963	$74.30	Jefferson Book Shop

NY T-25
April 2, 1963

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NY T-25
November 29, 1962

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The source from which the above information was obtained no longer has custody of the basic documents involved.

The person to be subpoenaed in the event the above records are to be made available is

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Presence at CP Headquarters

Subject's almost daily presence at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, were observed by Special Agents of the FBI from November 16, 1962 to April 9, 1963.

Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB)

Records of the United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., in number 17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON petitioner vs. SACB respondent as of February 28, 1963, reflects that on February 13, 1963, the petitioner filed a motion to postpone a pre-hearing conference from February 21, 1963 to March 7, 1963 due to the unavailability of counsel in the case until that time. No objections to the postponement was lodged by counsel for the respondent.

On February 25, 1963, the court ordered that the pre-hearing conference be postponed to March 7, 1963.

On March 7, 1963, a stipulation was entered into between Government attorneys and counsel for ALBERTSON, wherein it was agreed that the ALBERTSON and ROSCOE PROCTOR cases be consolidated and the final determination in their case would also apply to the eight other similar cases.

An order was signed by the court consolidating the cases and included the provision of the above stipulation.

Briefs are to be filed in August and September, 1963 and a hearing is to be set for a date in September.

LULU MAE THOMPSON, who was a member of the CP on behalf of the FBI from June, 1953 to March 1962 has testified that PROCTOR, ROSCOE was elected to membership on the National Committee of the CP, at its convention in New York City, in December, 1959.

PART II

BACKGROUND

Residence

On April 12, 1963, it was indicated that ALBERTSON had located a new apartment at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and that he would move to this apartment on or about April 26, 1963.

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April 12, 1963

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Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

CPUSA National Board Meeting

On January 18, 1963, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests, which was held at CP headquarters in New York City. The meeting concerned itself with a discussion on the reorganization of the New York City District CP.

NY T-23
January 18, 1963

Meeting of CP Functionaries

On January 24, 1963, a meeting of leading CP functionaries was held at CP headquarters New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance.

NY T-23
January 24, 1963

Miscellaneous

On March 18, 1963, WILLIAM ALBERTSON contacted a number of persons to inform them that a group of his friends are to get together on March 30, 1963 to protest the "Murders in Iraq." He stated the protest would be in the form of a picket line at the Iraq Mission, 14 East 79th Street, New York City.

NY T-23
March 18, 1963

1. APPENDIX

JEFFERSON BOOK SHOP, INC.

A source provided information in the spring of 1945 which indicated that the Jefferson Book Shop, Inc. (JBS) had officially opened on April 1, 1944.

The records of the New York County Supreme Court reflected that on December 3, 1946, papers were filed with the Department of State, State of New York, incorporating the JBS, INC., to sell books and magazines at wholesale and retail among other purposes.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, and a self-admitted member of the Communist Party (CP) until 1945, advised in March, 1947, that the JBS was one of a number of outlets for CP literature which had been set up by the CP. b6 b7C

A second source advised on February 14, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York District CP Staff held that date, [redacted] gave a report on the operation of the JBS. He announced that it had shown a small profit in 1960 and that approximately 35 per cent of the sales was of Marxist-Progressive material. A number of suggestions were advanced by those present to improve the sales of CP literature at the JBS and it was announced that 63 young people, who had come into contact with the party through the JBS, were thinking about joining the party and some were recruits into the Party.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 9, 1962, lists the JBS as being located at 100 East 16th Street, New York City.

A third source advised on February 1, 1961, that on that date HY LUMER, CP, USA Educational Director, referred to [redacted] as being in charge of literature distribution of the New York District of the CP, USA.

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"LA NUEVA VOZ"

On June 6, 1962, a source advised that the proposed Spanish - language newspaper to be published sometime during the summer of 1962, received its initial impetus from the National leadership of the Communist Party (CP). The responsibility for publication of the paper will rest with the New York District organization of the CP since most of the Spanish speaking people reside in the New York City (NYC) area.

On June 26, 1962, a second source advised that on June 22, 1962, the "Comite Pro Periodico Hispano" held its first "open" meeting at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, attendance by invitation only. The [redacted] of the "Comite" was [redacted] who spoke at length on the format of a bi-monthly Spanish - language newspaper. This newspaper will deal with "oppression, exploitation and general discrimination of Puerto Ricans, Negroes and Latin minorities in New York City and other sections of the country."

On July 9, 1962, the second source advised that the Spanish - language publication would be called "La Nueva Voz" and that the "Editorial Committee" included JESUS COLON, [redacted] and [redacted]

On June 27, 1962, the first source advised that JESUS COLON is a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On August 31, 1962, a third source advised that [redacted] is a member of the Upper 13th Assembly District Club, Harlem CP.

On June 16, 1961, a fourth source advised that [redacted] is a member of the Puerto Rican Club, Kings County CP.

The first issue of "La Nueva Voz," a sample issue dated July 29, 1962, on page two, reflects that [redacted] is Editor and Publisher of "La Nueva Voz" with offices at 799 Broadway, New York 3, New York. Page one of this issue contains printer's label number 209 of the Allied Printing Trades Council of New York.

APPENDIX

"LA NUEVA VOZ"

According to the official directory of union label printing offices in Greater New York, published by the Allied Printing Trades Council of Greater New York, union label 209, is assigned to Prompt Printing Press, Incorporated.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Prompt Press:

"Prompt Press

"1. 'A printing union identification symbol described as "Bug 209" appears on many of the (Communist) Party publications, including Party membership cards, and pertains to the printing plant of Prompt Press, a Party publishing organization.'

'* * * Prompt Printing Press Inc., (is) a printing establishment whose entire stock is owned by witness (Boris) Cohen, a Party member * * *.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 108-53, Report and Order with respect to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, December 21, 1955, p. 8; and Docket No. 111-53, Report and Order with respect to the United May Day Committee, April 27, 1956, p. 65; see also p. 73.)

"2. 'Prints the bulk of the literature issued by the Communist Party and its affiliates and is reliably known to be owned by the Communist Party.'
(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7685.)"

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Records of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., in No. 17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON v. SACB; and 17623, PROCTOR v. SACB, reflect one type written copy of the petitioners brief was filed in USCA on 6/28/63, by Attorneys FORER, ABT and [redacted] 1908 Virginia St., Berkeley, Calif.

Excerpts of the brief are as follows:

Questions Presented

1. Whether the member registration provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act and registration orders of the SACB entered pursuant thereto violate petitioners' privilege against self-incrimination.

2. Whether the member registration provisions violate due process and the First Amendment because they serve no governmental purpose and abridge freedom of belief, conscience and association.

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3. Whether section 8(C) of the Act violates due process and the First and Fourth Amendments and is an invalid delegation of legislative power.

4. Whether the member registration provisions and the Board's orders violate due process and constitute a bill of attainder because petitioners are bound by the Board's antecedent determination that the Communist Party was a Communist-action organization.

5. Whether the member registration provisions are unconstitutional in that, by reason of the conclusive effect of the Board's determinations at the Communist Party and petitioners' membership therein, they deny a judicial trial and trial by jury of essential elements of the criminal offense of non-compliance with the Board's orders.

Statement of the Case

The Act provides that an organization which has been ordered by the Board to register as a Communist-action organization shall register with the names of its members. Secs. 7, 13. In the event that the organization fails to comply with a final registration order, the Attorney General may petition the Board to find that an accused individual is a member of the organization and to order him to register as such. Secs. 8, 13. Failure of an individual to register in obedience to a final order of the Board is punishable by imprisonment for five years and a fine of $10,000 both cumulative for each day that the failure continues. In addition, his failure to file a registration statement, as required by section 8(c), is punishable by a non-cumulative five year prison sentence and $10,000 fine. Sec. 15(a).

On May 31, 1962, the Attorney General petitioned the Board in separate petitions for orders requiring petitioners ALBERTSON and PROCTOR to register as members of the CP. The petitions alleged that there was outstanding a final order of the Board ordering the CP to register as a Communist-action organization, that the order had not been complied with, that petitioners were members of the CP, and that they

had not registered with the Attorney General.

The answers of petitioners, signed and sworn by them, stated that sections 8 and 13 of the Act, on their face and as applied, violated various provisions of the Constitution, including the privilege against self-incrimination which they thereby asserted. The answers denied that the CP is a Communist-action organization. The answers further stated that, in reliance on their privilege, petitioners refused to answer the paragraphs of the petition alleging membership in the CP.

At the hearings, over the objection of petitioners, the Board took official notice of its order of April 20, 1953, ordering the Communist Party to register as a Communist-action organization and of the subsequent proceedings which culminated in the order becoming final on October 20, 1961, ten days after the issuance of the mandate in CP v SACB, 367 U.S. 1, affirming the order. It was stipulated that there had been no registration by or on behalf of the Party in compliance with the order and that petitioners had not registered as members of the Party.

The Attorney General's evidence consisted entirely of the testimony of paid F.B.I. informers that petitioners had been present at and participated in meetings which the the witnesses described as meetings of the CP, and that they had been elected to certain Party offices. Petitioners offered no evidence.

The Board issued reports and orders finding that petitioners are members of the CP, a Communist-action organization, and ordering them to register as such. There was no evidence, and the Board made no findings, that petitioners had ever engaged in any unlawful conduct, had ever advocated the violent overthrow of the government even as a matter of abstract doctrine, or had knowledge of any such conduct or advocacy by the Party. Nor was there any evidence or findings that petitioners knew, believed or had reason to believe that the Party is or has the characteristics of a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act (sec. 3(3)).

In their petitions for review in this Court, petitions again claimed their privilege against self-incrimination, which they had earlier asserted in their answers.

Points on Appeal

1. The Board erred in entering the registration orders for the reason that the Act and the orders violate petitioners' privilege against self-incrimination.

2. The member registration provisions of the Act and the Board's orders are otherwise unconstitutional, being violative of the First Amendment, due process of law, the Fourth Amendment, the prohibition against excessive delegation of legislative power, the prohibition of bills of attainder, Article III, sec. 2, cl. 3, the Sixth Amendment, Article III, sec. 1, and Article I, sec. 9, cl. 3.

Summary of Argument

I.

A. Compliance with the member registration provisions of the Act requires the making of admissions by the registrant of membership in the CP. These admissions are incriminating by virtue of both the Smith Act and section 4(a) of the Act. They are also incriminating because they expose the individual to the forfeitures which the Act imposes on members of Communist-action organizations.

In addition, the registration documents call for other incriminating admissions, including an admission that the registrant's organization is a participant in a criminal conspiracy and admissions of aliases, officership in the organization, and identifying information.

B. Section 4(f) does not accord an immunity which is coextensive with the privilege, and hence does not oust the privilege. The section's first sentence immunizes membership per se, but gives no immunity from prosecution for offenses in which CP membership is one of several ingredients.

The second sentence of section 4 (f) excludes evidentiary use of the fact of registration as a member, but does not give immunity from prosecution on account of membership. Only the latter immunity can replace the privilege. This principle is not inapplicable because the government was able to prove membership to the Board's satisfaction. Execution of the registration documents calling for admissions in the present tense will be required at a date much later than the period to which the Board's findings relate. Nor has it ever been thought that the ability of the government to prove an incriminating fact independently changes the rule that the privilege may be replaced only by an absolute immunity from prosecution for any offense to which the compelled admission may relate. Were the rule otherwise, a "forbidden fruit" inquiry would be necessary in every case under a statute which conferred less than full immunity. Such statutes have, however, been held ineffective without qualification.

Furthermore, section 4(f) does not exclude the evidentiary use of the fact of registration in criminal prosecutions for violations of section 5, 6 and 10 of the Act. Nor does section 4(f) prevent using the fact of registration as grounds for denying a passport or employment prohibited to Party members. Finally, the section does not exclude the evidentiary use of the admissions in the registrations documents of matters other than Party membership.

C. The privilege issue is not premature in this proceeding, as it was held to be in the Party case. For here the claims of privilege have been made by petitioners and denied by the Attorney General and the Board. Failure to adjudicate the claims of privilege now would deny petitioners the full protection of the Fifth Amendment.

II.

A. Registration as a member of the CP by a person who has been found by the Board to be a member serves no disclosure function. Disclosure has already been fully effectuated by the Board's finding. The validity of the member registration requirement is, therefore, not established by the Supreme Court's decision in the Party case, which sustained on disclosure grounds grounds the validity of the requirement that the Party supply the list of its members. Member registration also serves

no other conceivable purpose. Hence to require member registration under criminal penalties for non-compliance is an arbitrary and unreasonable exertion of government power, prohibited by due process.

B. The conduct exacted by the registration orders is speech, being declarations on the registration documents. The First Amendment embraces freedom to refrain from voicing a text dictated by government. Since no governmental interest is served by the orders, they would violate the First Amendment even if they required only innocuous declarations. In fact, the declarations coerced by the registration orders are not innocuous. Registration is an avowal of political affiliation and signifies acquiescence in the proposition that the government has a right to compel it. In the context of the Act and Board's findings against the CP, registration is also self-defamatory and an acceptance of the government's view of the CP and Communism, even though the registrant does not share the view. And it requires a certification of membership in the Party even if the registrant believes he is not a member.

C. Measures inhibiting the right of association in the CP are subject to First Amendment limitations. The Act's member registration provisions condition the exercise of this right on registration and the filing of a registration statement. Because Party membership per se cannot constitutionally be made a crime, it cannot, under THOMAS v. COLLINS, 323 U.S. 516, be made subject to these prior restraints.

The Supreme Court's distinction of THOMAS v. COLLINS in the Party case is not applicable here because member registration, unlike organizational registration, is attached solely to association and not to other activity outside the area of the First Amendment. Moreover, though distinguishing THOMAS v. COLLINS, the Court held it necessary to apply the balancing test to registration requirements. Since member registration serves no disclosure function or any other governmental purpose, there is nothing to outweigh its restraint on association.

III.

Section 8(c) of the Act requires petitioners to supply to the Attorney General any information he may by regulations prescribe. This unlimited authorization violates due process and the First Amendment under Sweezy v. New Hampshire, 354 U.S. 234. The absence of standards also makes section 8(c) an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power. And because the section authorizes an unlimited and undefined intrusion into privacy and an exploratory search, it violates the Fourth Amendment.

IV.

1. Petitioners were bound in the administrative proceeding by the Board's prior determination, in a proceeding to which petitioners were not parties, that the CP is a Communist-action organization. This is a violation of the due process principle that liability may not be imposed on persons without affording them an opportunity to contest the factual issues on which the liability depends. The violation is aggravated by the fact that the Board's determination as to the Party related to April, 1953, and yet it precludes petitioners with regard to the Party's nature some ten years later.

Because the Party has not registered, the Act provides no opportunity for redetermining the Party's status. Hence petitioners are forever bound by the Board's finding as to the past nature of the Party. This makes the Act a bill of attainder with respect to petitioners, as well as a violation of due process.

2. The Board's determination as to the nature of the Party and its determinations of petitioners' membership therein are also conclusive in criminal proceedings to enforce registration orders. Thereby the Act denies petitioners a judicial trial and trial by jury on essential elements of the offense of non-compliance with the Board's orders. This is unconstitutional for reasons stated in the brief in the pending enforcement case against the Party.

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USCA records in the PROCTOR case reflect that on 6/29/63 the National Lawyers Guild filed a motion for leave to file an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the petitioners, consented to by JOSEPH FORER:

As soon as the printed brief to be filed on behalf of both ALBERTSON and PROCTOR becomes available for reproduction, WFO will attempt to secure same for transmittal to the Bureau, NY and SF. WFO following in the USCA and will advise of additional appellate action in these cases.

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UNITED STATES v. ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
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On July 15, 1963, the Washington Field Office furnished a summary of the brief which had been filed in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) by counsel for Albertson and Proctor in connection with the appeals by Albertson and Proctor from registration orders issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB). These are the two Communist Party membership registration hearing cases under the Internal Security Act of 1950 which were selected and approved by the DCCA to be processed on appeal. Both parties have agreed to be bound by the decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases in the remaining 12 cases in which registration orders have been issued by the Board.

Counsel for Albertson and Proctor had stipulated, at the time of the hearings before the SACB, that the petitioners had not registered and the evidence presented by the Government established that Albertson and Proctor had attended Communist Party meetings and had been elected to certain Communist Party offices. Thus, the only question raised on appeal dealt with the alleged unconstitutionality of the membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (Section 8) and of Section 13 which sets up the operating procedure of the SACB. The basic argument is that Section 8 violates the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination and it will undoubtedly be on this issue that the Albertson and Proctor cases will ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court.

There is no comment or criticism in the brief regarding the FBI although the Government's witnesses are described as "paid FBI informers." No attempt has been made, however, to attack the credibility or testimony of any of these witnesses.

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Enclosed for Bureau are two copies of "Brief for National Lawyers Guild, as Amicus Curiae" filed 7/16/53 in U. S. Court of Appeals in No. 17623, ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioner, v. SACB, Respondent. One copy each enclosed for NY and SF.

Copies of brief are furnished in ALBERTSON caption since brief at page 1 notes that although brief is submitted in PROCTOR case, it is believed argument is in principle equally applicable to ALBERTSON case, No. 17492 in the USCA.

Records of the USCA reflect Court granted National Lawyers Guild's request for leave to file the brief on 7/16/63. As of 7/25/63 printed copies of the petitioners' brief had not as yet been filed. WFO following in USCA and will furnish copies of the brief when it becomes available.

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Preliminary Statement

The National Lawyers Guild is a national association of lawyers which, for almost 30 years, has sought to advance the interests of the legal profession, to preserve the integrity and independence of the bar, to promote law as an instrument of social justice, and to defend our priceless constitutional heritage. For these purposes, it has frequently appeared *amicus* in cases involving issues of special concern to the legal profession and in cases involving constitutional issues having a profound and immediate bearing on the fundamental rights of every citizen. For reasons which this brief will make clear, we believe this case falls into both categories.

This brief is submitted in *Proctor* v. *Subversive Activities Control Board*, #17,623. It is believed, however, that the argument is in principle equally applicable to *Albertson* v. *Subversive Activities Control Board*, #17,492.

ARGUMENT

If the order under review is based solely on the evidence taken before the Board in this proceeding, it violates First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and association. If it is based in part on other facts or supposed facts, which have not been proved with relation to petitioner personally, and which he has had no opportunity to rebut, it violates due process of law.[1]

The petitioner in this proceeding has been ordered to register as a member of a "Communist-action organization." In the light of the findings and definitions contained in the Act, this means he is required to register as a person who is violating Sec. 4(a) of the Act by conspiring to perform acts which would substantially contribute to the establishment of a foreign-controlled totalitarian dictatorship, who is also violating 18 U. S. C. Sec. 2384 by conspiring to overthrow the government by force, and who is violating 18 U. S. C. Sec. 371 by conspiring to commit other federal crimes, such as espionage, sabotage, sedition, and possibly treason. It also means that he is to register as a citizen whose legal status is in some ways inferior to that of either an alien or a convicted felon, since he cannot work for the United States, for a defense facility (a concept which is capable of covering most of the labor market, since there are few industries which do not at least potentially affect a nation's ability to defend itself), or for a labor organization (Sec. 5, as amended), and cannot use or even apply for a passport (Sec. 6). Though the latter disabilities depend on the fact of membership, rather than on registration, the registration puts the general public on notice that the petitioner has been found or admitted (or both) to be

[1] The fact that the argument is limited to this point is not to be taken as any indication that the National Lawyers Guild is not also concerned with the self-incrimination problem, which we assume will be exhaustively discussed by the parties.

a person to whom these disabilities apply. It creates an official record to that effect. Furthermore, the registration, since it is required to be made public, amounts to an official government-sponsored invitation, addressed to employers, prospective employers, neighbors, busybodies, self-appointed vigilantes, and the public generally, to vent upon the petitioner all the hatred and fear of "Communism" which the excitements and tensions of recent years have generated.

That such a registration will be profoundly damaging to him is patent. Indeed, the Act shows on its face that such a registration was known to have and intended to have a drastically punitive effect. When an organization registers, the names of individuals are not to be published until they have had notice and an opportunity to deny the organizational connection (Sec. 9(b)). An elaborate procedure is set up by which those able to prove non-membership in the affected organizations can get their names removed from the official blacklist (Secs. 7(g), 13(b), 13(i), 14(a)). If the Act were genuinely regulatory, rather than penal and prohibitory in substance and intent, such provisions would not have been thought necessary—or even thought of at all.

Yet all that this record shows—indeed all it attempts or purports to show—is that petitioner was one of a number of persons known to the witnesses as Communists who worked together for perfectly lawful and proper goals, such as peace and civil rights, and in carrying on the normal internal functions which are essential to the existence of any voluntary association.

If the registration is deemed to follow merely from the facts shown in this record, then the petitioner, in violation of the First Amendment, is being punished for constitutionally protected activities.

The Supreme Court, in *De Jonge* v. *Oregon*, 299 US 353, unanimously held that the peaceful advocacy of per-

fectly lawful positions on public policy is constitutionally protected notwithstanding the fact that the persons engaging in it may be Communists—and that this is true even on the assumption that Communists are also engaged in unprotected or even unlawful activities. This case has not been overruled or by-passed. On the contrary, even in the most recent cases, the Supreme Court has continued to insist that this line of demarcation is constitutionally required and must be sharply drawn in each context in which the problem arises. For example:

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There is not a shred of evidence in this record to indicate that the petitioner has personally engagd in, or has even been personally aware of, any activities which would not be constitutionally protected under the above rule.

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Preliminary Statement

The National Lawyers Guild is a national association of lawyers which, for almost 30 years, has sought to advance the interests of the legal profession, to preserve the integrity and independence of the bar, to promote law as an instrument of social justice, and to defend our priceless constitutional heritage. For these purposes, it has frequently appeared *amicus* in cases involving issues of special concern to the legal profession and in cases involving constitutional issues having a profound and immediate bearing on the fundamental rights of every citizen. For reasons which this brief will make clear, we believe this case falls into both categories.

This brief is submitted in *Proctor* v. *Subversive Activities Control Board*, #17,623. It is believed, however, that the argument is in principle equally applicable to *Albertson* v. *Subversive Activities Control Board*, #17,492.

ARGUMENT

If the order under review is based solely on the evidence taken before the Board in this proceeding, it violates First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and association. If it is based in part on other facts or supposed facts, which have not been proved with relation to petitioner personally, and which he has had no opportunity to rebut, it violates due process of law.[1]

The petitioner in this proceeding has been ordered to register as a member of a "Communist-action organization." In the light of the findings and definitions contained in the Act, this means he is required to register as a person who is violating Sec. 4(a) of the Act by conspiring to perform acts which would substantially contribute to the establishment of a foreign-controlled totalitarian dictatorship, who is also violating 18 U. S. C. Sec. 2384 by conspiring to overthrow the government by force, and who is violating 18 U. S. C. Sec. 371 by conspiring to commit other federal crimes, such as espionage, sabotage, sedition, and possibly treason. It also means that he is to register as a citizen whose legal status is in some ways inferior to that of either an alien or a convicted felon, since he cannot work for the United States, for a defense facility (a concept which is capable of covering most of the labor market, since there are few industries which do not at least potentially affect a nation's ability to defend itself), or for a labor organization (Sec. 5, as amended), and cannot use or even apply for a passport (Sec. 6). Though the latter disabilities depend on the fact of membership, rather than on registration, the registration puts the general public on notice that the petitioner has been found or admitted (or both) to be

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a person to whom these disabilities apply. It creates an official record to that effect. Furthermore, the registration, since it is required to be made public, amounts to an official government-sponsored invitation, addressed to employers, prospective employers, neighbors, busybodies, self-appointed vigilantes, and the public generally, to vent upon the petitioner all the hatred and fear of "Communism" which the excitements and tensions of recent years have generated.

That such a registration will be profoundly damaging to him is patent. Indeed, the Act shows on its face that such a registration was known to have and intended to have a drastically punitive effect. When an organization registers, the names of individuals are not to be published until they have had notice and an opportunity to deny the organizational connection (Sec. 9(b)). An elaborate procedure is set up by which those able to prove non-membership in the affected organizations can get their names removed from the official blacklist (Secs. 7(g), 13(b), 13(i), 14(a)). If the Act were genuinely regulatory, rather than penal and prohibitory in substance and intent, such provisions would not have been thought necessary—or even thought of at all.

Yet all that this record shows—indeed all it attempts or purports to show—is that petitioner was one of a number of persons known to the witnesses as Communists who worked together for perfectly lawful and proper goals, such as peace and civil rights, and in carrying on the normal internal functions which are essential to the existence of any voluntary association.

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I	62-33170-147, Pg - 176,
I	62-123299-158, 158, I
NI	62-33170-147, Pg - 941, 943, 944, 950 -
V	100-448759-31, Pg - 15, 20, 25, 27, 28, 31, 34
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I	100-3-3519,	Pg. 17, 165, 170.
I	100-52442-46,	Pg. 159.
I	100-10386-123,	
I	100-12114-18,	
COO	100-260690-74,	
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I	61-3017-5,	
L	100-63-363,	
I	100-33049-34-162,	
L	100-3-3303, Pg. 5.	
I	100-26522-18,	
V	100-34861-87,	
F	100-364029-4,	
I	100-3-4-6151, Encl Pgs 7, 18, 2.	
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I	100-2787-19,
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F	100-348159-71,
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I	100-373058-11,	
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I	100-3-4-4800,
V	100-363661-15,
V	100-341133-16,
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L	100-3-74-1336,	
V	100-386236-1,	
L	100-3-74-1369X,	Supplementals 2, Encl. Pg. M-78.
V	100-3-74-1305,	
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OO	100-38083-535,
✓ OO	100-3-11-1038, Sy. 68, 69.
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✓	100-9339-155,
✓	100-16847-721, Enclosure pg. 43, 115, 117, 155.
✓	100-15-89-14-31,
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✓	100-359234-363,
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✓	100-32049-24-172,	
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I	121-33278-36 thru 43, Encl. pg 1494.	
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I	100-241847-2,	
I	100-23049-520, Pg. 40, 44	
I	100-43004-3, I	
	100-138744-2, 13,	
I	100-140317-5,	
I	61-10490-497	
I	100-3-166, Pg. 77, 116.	
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I	100-170270-7,	
I	100-1387-65,	
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I	100-6951-13,	
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I	65-58875-63, Pg. 33.
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I	100-149164-39,	
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100-3-63-223	
66-8603-1-34-518	
100-3-63-9 p45	
~~100-24861-48~~	
100-33865-41	
~~100-35689-1~~	
100-9339-142	
~~100-35496-24~~	
100-312282-16	

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
~~100-236994~~	~~191~~
~~100-355393~~	~~4~~
~~100-189568~~	~~4~~
~~100-158914~~	~~18, 16, 18, 19, 36, 37, 38~~
~~100-215102~~	~~12, 5, 6, 31~~
61-155	98
~~100-185753~~	~~17~~
100-365800	1
100-372409	139
100-364090	2
~~100-365783~~	~~1~~

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
	33
~~100-35486-28~~	
~~100-202669-16,18,17,19~~	
~~100-337357-4~~	
~~100-248161-42~~	
~~100-294024-21~~	
~~100-110645-21~~	
~~100-341652-40 p23~~	
~~100-341652-40 p37~~	
~~100-202669-17~~	
~~100-3284-113~~	
~~100-9339-152~~	
~~100-317782-29~~	

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
100-9473-84	34
~~100-2341-36~~	
~~100-9[illegible]594-50~~	
~~100-355408-2~~	
~~100-209933-19~~	
~~100-226083-6~~	
~~100-16847-469~~	
~~100-356909-2~~	
~~100-4[illegible]18-35~~	
~~100-340746-14~~	
100-11687-249	
~~100-3[illegible]1732-29~~	

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS 35
100 - 374132	37x
100 - 359192	102 p 47
100 - 357934	102 p 46, 76
61 - 10149	913 p 4
121 - 2525	189
61 - 10149	15 56 p 6, 7,
100 - 362355	21
100 - 347072	105
100 - 347072	103
100 - 349398	126
100 - 342111	111
100 - 361850	5

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
~~100-3-2867~~	
~~100-3-2578~~	
~~100-3-2857~~	
~~100-3-2993~~	
~~100-3-2267~~	
~~100-3-2990~~	
~~100-3-2254~~	
~~100-3-3290 #7~~	
~~100-3-3178~~	
~~100-3-7-1346646~~	
~~100-3-7-1207 enc. bkl~~	
~~100-3-9-1258~~	

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS 37
100-3-7-1164	
~~100-3-9-1041~~	
~~100-3-9-1252~~	~~1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 22, 43, 44~~
cc 116-171820	
~~100-357762~~	~~29, 19, 20~~
~~100-35576~~	~~21~~
~~101-2970~~	37
~~100-12729~~	~~45~~
~~100-3-9-1302~~	~~1, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 23, 25, 31, 32, 33, 35, 38, 40, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50~~

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS 38
✓100-399771	1
✓100-383536	1
✓100-266189	9
✓100-10553	40
✓100-366212	1
✓100-33865	33 11
✓100-250643	4 5 30 31 34 37 38 39
✓100-359424	4
✓100-24506	35
✓100-38242	36
✓100-16847	532

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
~~100-376049~~	
~~100-371398~~	~~2, 3, 5, 6,~~
	~~7, 8, 11, 13, 14~~
	~~15, 16, 17, 18, 20,~~
	~~21, 23, 24~~
~~100-7321-746~~	
~~100-370746-18~~	
~~100-184391~~	~~3, 9, 2, 7, 8~~
~~100-375596-2~~	
~~100-368653~~	~~3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15,~~
~~100-247732~~	
~~100-372169~~	~~3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12~~

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
~~100-10516~~	~~43, 26, 29 30~~
~~100-383057~~	~~1~~
~~100-325445~~	~~14~~
100-312282	111
~~100-36891~~	~~2~~
~~100-16847~~	~~5~~
~~100-372409~~	~~166~~
100-3284	137
~~100-24861~~	~~42~~
100-367723	1
~~100-296481~~	~~27~~
~~100-594~~	~~34~~

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	41	
ye	100 - 3 - 9 - 1030	
L	100 - 166255 - 19,	
✓	~~100 - 363661 - 9~~	
J	~~100 - 48159 - 29~~	
J	~~100 - 337427 - 3~~	
I	100 - 3 - 4 - 6664 v5,	
I	105 - 12018 - 3	
I J	100 - 3 - 72 - 208	
J	~~100 - 356909 - 7~~	
J	~~100 - 2542 - 3 - 39 - 838~~	
I	100 - 174219 - 34	
I	100 - 3 - 4 - 5902	
000	100 - 355288 - 3	
cc	100 - 3 - 9 - 1040	
I	100 - 71465 - 26	41,

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	42	
✓	~~100-16847~~ — 375	
~~I~~	100 - 347072 - 14	
~~✓~~	~~100 - 124110 - 10~~	
✓	~~100 - 202669 - 13~~	
I	100 - 3 - 73 - 60 thru 9	
✓	~~100 - 3 - 9 - 1052~~	
I	100 - 72889 - 21	
✓	~~100 - 158914 - 18 thru 16, 18, 19, 36, 37, 38,~~	
✓	~~100 - 365945 - 12 thru 7~~	
✓	~~100 - 365965 - 1,~~	
✓	~~100 - 365935 - 1~~	
✓	~~100 - 16847 - 495~~	
I	100 - 3 - 4 - 2064	
I	100 - 3 - 4 - 1817	
✓	~~100 - 14735 - 31~~	42

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	43	
✓	~~100-3-9-1025~~	
✓	~~100-3-9-1294~~	
✓	~~100-16847-472~~	
✓	~~100-3659-45-1~~	
CCD	100-16847-3960	16, 52, 53, 54.
NXT	65-38100-22	
✓	~~100-36659-1~~	
✓	~~100-7046-440~~	
✓	~~100-3-9-13460~~	~~1, 4, 9, 11, 16, 24, 25, 31, 32, 35, 36, 40, 47~~
✓	~~700-3-68-848~~	
E	61-8381-618X	
E	100-7602-565	
✓	~~100-349398-133~~	
CCD	100-3-64-217	1, 3

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	44	
L	100-47617-59	
✓	~~100-68207-11~~	
/	~~100-326977-6~~	
I	100-3372-194	
✓	~~66-2542-3-39-834~~	
✓	~~100-64676-24~~	
I	100-1287-173	
✓	~~100-16847-440~~	
✓	~~100-20171-8~~	
I	100-349398-140x10	
I	100-347072-103	
I	100-35995-38	
✓	~~100-46268-36~~	
✓	~~100-355993-2~~	
✓	~~100-231967-110~~	

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	FILE NUMBER 45	SERIALS
J	100 - 349398 - 117	
✓	100 - 158371 = 9	
✓	100 - 11500 = 36	
I	100 - 30167 - 71	
✓	100 - 366300 - 6913	
✓	100 - 3 - 9 - 1207 [illegible]	
K	100 - 3284 - 114	
X	100 - 104799 - 45 [illegible]	
✓	100 - 49277 - 27 [illegible]	
✓	100 - 74262 - 20	
✓	100 46887 - 12	
✓	100 - 363436 - 101	
IV	100 - 3 - 84 - 266	
✓	100 3 - 9 - 1266	
I	100 - 26844 - 983	4 5

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	46	
✓	100-365935-6	
✓	2-875-170	
✓	100-3-84-341	
✓	100-365559-2	
✓	100-359424-4	
✓	100-3-9-1303	
I-	100-208756-58	
✓	100-362555-83 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 24, 26, 31, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	
✓	100-355-93-13	
✓	100-355388-2	
✓	100-51168-40	
✓	100-365945-4	
✓	100-16847-506	46

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	FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
	47	
JP	100-3284	111
✓	~~100-3-9-1298~~	
JP	~~100-7319-359~~	
✓	~~100-21007-35~~	
JP	~~100-11687-341~~	
✓	~~100-32517-18~~	
✓	~~100-355348-8~~	
✓	~~100-371252-2~~	
CA100	100-7602-597 p19	
✓	~~100-48157-64~~	
✓	~~100-127041-48~~	
✓	~~100-111222-18 p1, 19~~	
✓	~~100-3-9-1208~~	
JP	100-3-84-283	
✓	~~100-336631-25~~	151

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	48	
✓	~~100-3-84-339~~	
I	100-3-4-6845 p71.74	
✓	~~100-16847-487~~	
✓	~~100-3-9-1317pt~~	
~~I~~	100-7319-319	
✓	~~100-3-69-64~~	
✓	~~100-347072-125~~	
✓	~~100-379065-1~~	
✓	~~100-3-69-248~~	
✓	~~100-12566-18~~	
✓	~~100-326165-19~~	
~~I~~	100-199173-67	
✓	~~100-3845-33273~~	
	~~100-24614-64~~ 39,44752,54	
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	~~100-7602-642~~	48

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	49	
✓	~~100-362406-23~~	
H	100-21497-621 p 47	
I	100-14167-149 encl p 107	
✓	~~100-16847-2 Encl p 43, 45, 47, 155,~~	
✓	~~100-54702-96~~	
I	100-26912-995	
✓	~~100-370746-15 015, 3435, 3611, 43, 44,~~	
I	100-3-70-198	
L	100-115522-109 p 19, 20, 21, 27	
✓	~~100-349398-132~~	
I	100-3-4-4114	
I	100-203581-4195	
II	100-3-5-189 p 41, 69,	
✓	~~100-349398-111~~	49

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	50	
✓	~~100-349398-11~~	
I	61-8657-364	
I	100-3-4-4759	
I	100-3-29-580	
I	100-3-4-4755	
I	100-3-29-587	
I	100-1204-71	
I	100-3-4-4266	
I	100-262122-2	
I	100-3-62-25 thru 21	
I	100-3-4-3741 thru 13, 63	
I	100-258007-7	
I	100-262122-3	
I	100-3-4-4200	
I	100-92004-252	50

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	51	
I	100-3-4-3380	
✓	~~100-9339-153~~	
I	100-8029-148	
dec	0066-04-636	
I	100-92004-198	
I	100-3-4-2377	
I	100-92004-127	
I	100-3-4-2457	
I	100-3-4-2449	
✓	~~100-203669-21~~	
I	100-203581-4062	
✓	~~100-347072-116~~	
✓	~~100-349398-126~~	
L	100-135-34-199	
I	100-8029-106	5

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	52	
✓	100-287472-3	
✓	100-168447-479	
✓	100-168447-532	
✓	100-325115-10	
✓	100-3-9-1325-1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 37, 38, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 52, 55, 56, 57	
✓	100-325115-11	
✓	100-112675-28	
I	100-3-4-2214	
I	100-3-4-2223	
I	100-3-4-2241	
✓	100-372838-7	
✓	61-10149-1556 p 6, 7, 50	

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	53	
I	100-348159-70	p3
✓	~~100-361571-5~~	
✓	~~100-199789-23~~	
K	~~100-383143-1~~	
	6K & I (name doesn't appear in ref) 100-38170-1 (Check) & I	
I	100-199173-241	p15
✓	~~100-194188-3~~	
I	100-35658-212	p47
✓	~~100-24506-35~~	
I	100-3284-156	
I	100-8029-195	
✓	~~100-378196-2~~	
✓	105-13771-34-1	p10
✓	~~100-250432-7~~	p7
✓	~~100-12708-49~~	53

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	FILE NUMBER 54	SERIALS
✓	~~100-7602-640~~	
I	100-3-4-4800	
I	100-3-4-4806	
✓	~~100-46268-31~~	
I	100-1557-54	
I	100-3-72-114	
I	100-3-72-115	
I	100-129631-11	
LT	~~100-3-6-1088 p 137~~	
I	100-3-4-4792 p 2	
I	100-33049-34-114	
I	100-336990-8	
I	100-3-73-3904	
I	100-89906-13	5 (4)
✓	~~100-3-9-1275 p 2,3,6,7,9,12,13~~	

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CC	100-3-9-1275 cont'd	#14, 16, 30, 37, 41
X	~~100-3-9-135~~	~~#1, 5, 9, 10, 18~~
✓	~~100-[illegible]-X3~~	
I	100-3-5995-37	
✓	~~100-3681-X9~~	
I	100-3-4-X124	
I	161-10149-511	
CC	100-3-9-1099	#47, 49
NF	65-43302-312	
X	~~100-3-81-1900~~	
✓	~~100-3-4-07-3-145~~	
X	~~100-12708-39~~	
CC	100-3-10-2088	#10, 22, 55
✓	~~100-3-9-1302~~	~~#1, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 23, 25, 31, 32, 33, 35, 38, 40, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50~~

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	56	
✓	100-355286-6	
✓	100-374301-1	
✓	100-141667-1	
✓	100-78978-3	
✓	100-354886-30	
✓	100-3-9-1339	
✓	100-48157-61	
✓	100-347072-135	
✓	100-3-74-3377	
✓	100-3-9-1x62pgs, 3, 4, 20, x1, 40;	
✓	94-8-61-36	
✓	100-12729-38	
✓	100-125019-10	
F	100-88836-19 pg 5	
✓	100-210077-32 pg 32	56

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100-46941	2-5
100-3544-24	11
100-10286-123	
100-3-29-586	
100-3-9-1252	1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 43, 44
100-3255-88	
100-3-4-1087	
100-348159-83	
100-21497-586	
100-86-42	
100-347236-103	

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116-217436-6	
~~161-1655-10~~	
~~100-3-9-1285~~	~~1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 37~~
100-3-4-1511	
~~100-3-74-1749~~	
100-3-4-1579	
~~100-110645-19~~	
100-3-7-1161	
161-10578-80025	
100-481159-23	

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FILE NUMBER	SERIALS
100-346126	16p 3 4 1, 9,
100-374264	20
100-382548	2
61-8077	135
100-259437	43
100-361331	1
100-372409	737
100-366991	2
100-191554	8p 37 35,
F 100-199173	49
E 100-3-89	3 89
100-3-74-3491	

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~~100-361571~~	~~1~~
CC 100-3-9-1305	
~~100-296481~~	~~Hqp14~~
~~100-3-74-2807~~	
L 100-3-2274	encl p1
~~100-35 7934~~	~~45 p2, 10~~
~~100-5-4688~~	~~3 8 p1 7 3 7 4 4~~
~~100-3-74-3755~~	
L 100-166255-16	
CC 100-3-45-195	p2, H, 10
T 100-120818-2415	p6, 35
T 100-1287-184	

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SECRET 100-3-74-3406	

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	62	
	R	
NF	65 - 381.00	
I	100 - 3-4-6874 p 15	
I	100 - 336292 - 15	
✓	~~100 - 378245 - 2~~	
✓	~~100 - 364468 - 4~~	
✓	~~100 - 372838 - 1~~	
✓	~~100 - 368984 - 2, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20~~	
✓	~~100 - 387468 - 1~~	
✓	~~100 - 380343 - 2~~	
✓	~~100 - 10516 - 35~~	
✓	~~101 - 512 - 5~~	
I	100 - 25470 - 5 bond pg 12	
✓	~~100 - 87816 - 3~~	
✓	~~100 - 378440 - 2~~	
✓	~~100 - 11645 - 26~~	

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	63	
✓	~~100-203730-46~~	
✓	~~100-399471-1~~	
✓	~~100-362555-238~~	
✓	~~100-349869-10p18,20,22,24~~	
✓	~~100-3-9-1289~~	
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JOINT APPENDIX

United States Court of Appeals

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 17,492

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, *Petitioner*,

v.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD, *Respondent*.

No. 17,623

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, *Petitioner*,

v.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD, *Respondent*.

On Review of Orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board

United States Court of Appeals
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v.

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WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that the Board enter an order against the respondent requiring him to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General as a member of a Communist-action organization in the manner required by the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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CITY OF WASHINGTON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA } ss:

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner above named; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters he believes them to be true.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY
Robert F. Kennedy

Sworn to before me this 31st day of May, 1962.

EVELYN G. DODD
Notary Public, D. C.

My Commission expires June 14, 1963

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK } ss:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the respondent above named and has read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of respondent's knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June, 1962.

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of America as a Communist-action organization; and relying upon the privilege against self-incrimination in refusing to answer the allegation that respondent was and continues to be a member of the Communist Party and the allegations of paragraphs I to IV, inclusive, of the petition.

Pursuant to Rule 201.7(a) revised, of the Board's Rules of Procedure, the reliance in respondent's answer to the petition upon the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination operates as a denial for purposes of the Board proceeding.

A consolidated prehearing conference in this and the similar cases (see footnote "1," *supra*) was held on July 2, 1962. Thereafter the Board, on July 6, 1962, entered an order acting upon matters raised at the prehearing conference. Counsel for respondent having requested and counsel for petitioner having agreed to a postponement of the original earlier hearing date, the hearing was rescheduled and began on September 11 and concluded on September 24, 1962, in Washington, D. C., before the undersigned members of the Board.

Counsel for petitioner presented the oral testimony of four witnesses and three exhibits (Attorney General Exhibits 1-3, inclusive). No witnesses were presented on behalf of respondent. One exhibit, a prior report of one of petitioner's witnesses, was offered by respondent and received in evidence (Albertson Exhibit 6).[3] At the conclusion of the hearing closing argument was made by counsel for petitioner. (Tr. 290-302.) Counsel for respondent stated:

> I think the record in this case speaks for itself, Mr. Chairman, and I see no occasion for me to elaborate my position at this time. (Tr. 302.)

[3] Receipts for money paid to petitioner's witnesses by the Federal Bureau of Investigation were given exhibit numbers for purposes of identification but were not offered in evidence. As will appear, the witnesses were cross-examined

Allen R. Price, a salesman of food products of Brooklyn, New York (tr. 99, 119). He joined the Communist Party in October 1959, and was a member at the time of this hearing (tr. 99). During his Communist Party membership he was financial treasurer of the Brooklyn Youth Club of the Party, and in November of 1960 became organizer of the Club; member of the Executive Board of the Club; member of the King's County Council of the Communist Party; and member of the Party's New York State Youth Commit[6]or Commission (tr. 99-100).

Mrs. Ethel Newton, of New York City, the executive assistant of a private high school in New Jersey (tr. 155, 189). She was a member of the Communist Party from 1947 until late 1949 and then rejoined in 1955 and was a member at the time of this hearing (tr. 155, 189-190). While a member of the Party during the most recent period she was organizer of the Village Club 2 of the Party, coordinator of the Club, organizer of the Village Section of the Party, member of the New York County Communist Party Council, and member of the Committee and Coordinating Committee of the New York State Communist Party (tr. 156).

Albert Jackson, a refrigeration mechanic, of New York City (tr. 270-271). He first joined the Communist Party in Pittsburgh in 1945 (tr. 266). He was a member of the Party at the time of testifying in this hearing (tr. 231). For about eight months up to the time of testifying he has been chairman of the Eleventh A.D. Communist Party Club in New York City (tr. 231-232, 245-246). Other positions he has held in the Party were: Press Director of the Club, Educational Director of the Club, representative of the Harlem Region of the Party to the New York State

[redacted] were [redacted] the Board for *in camera* examination other documents representing information furnished to the F.B.I. by the witness. These documents were in two categories: (a) reports prepared by the witness, which counsel conceded to be statements but considered not to contain any material which related to the subject matter of the witness' testimony, and (b) reports prepared by agents of the F.B.I. following oral interviews with the witnesses, which counsel considered not to contain related matter and also not to be statements within 18 U.S.C. 3500. (See tr. 70-73; 111-113; 184-186; 250-252.)

These documents, numbering in excess of fifteen hundred, were examined by the Board *in camera*. Certain of of them were determined to contain related material, and from these excisions of unrelated portions were requested by counsel for petitioner in a few instances and were considered and granted by the Board. The documents were then delivered to counsel for respondent who, after reviewing them, did not desire further cross-examination of the witnesses involved (tr. 152; 284).[7] With respect to the category of documents in the form of memoranda prepared by agents of the F.B.I. on oral information furnished by the witnesses, it was unnecessary in any instance to determine whether the agents' memoranda qualified as statements of the witnesses under 18 U.S.C. 3500. In all but three instances this category of documents did not contain any material that related to the subject matter of the witnesses' testimony. In the instances of the documents that did contain related material, the question whether they were "statements" was waived by counsel for petitioner (tr. 152, 284-285).

[6] Lists of reports that were turned over directly to counsel for respondent appear at transcript pages 275 to 281, inclusive.

[7] The additional documents that were delivered to counsel for respondent were: three reports of the witness Thompson; one report of the witness [redacted] and three reports of the witness Newt[redacted]

whether the organization is of such type is not to be relitigated in subsequent proceedings for the registration of a member of the organization. The Act provides for the registration of any member of an organization concerning which "there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register under section 7(a) of this title as a Communist-action organization." (Section 3(a).) Thus an "issue" in a proceeding for the registration of an individual member is whether there is in effect a final order requiring the registration of the organization to which the individual is alleged to belong.[8] Counsel for respondent did not, and could not dispute the fact that there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party, U.S.A., to register as a Communist-action organization. (See the facts set forth below under the subheading "Official Notice.")

It would be a plainly unreasonable application of the Act to require that in a proceeding involving an individual, if shown to be a member of the Party and thus fairly represented in the Party proceeding, the status of the Party must nonetheless be relitigated.[9] To do so would frustrate the purpose of the Act to obtain disclosure of the members of a communist-action organizaiton.

Findings of Fact

1. *Official Notice*

For the reasons indicated above, respondent's objection to the taking of official notice was overruled and the parties were notified that official notice would be taken of the following which are hereby deemed to be facts for the

[8] The Act provides full opportunity for an organization that has been determined to be a Communist-action organization to obtain subsequent relief from the registration requirements by proper showing that it is not then a Communist-action organization. Sections 13(b) and (i)(1).

[9] The Board, in the proceeding involving the Communist Party, on the basis of a record comprising over 14,000 pages of oral testimony and hundreds of exhibits, in which the Party was represented by competent counsel, determined the Party to be a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act

It was stipulated by counsel and the Board finds; that the Communist Party of the United States of America has not registered with the Attorney General nor filed a registration statement pursuant to section 7 of the Act; that no officer of the Communist Party nor any authorized representative of the Party has registered for and on behalf of the organization pursuant to section 7(h) of the Act; and, that the respondent, William Albertson, has not registered or filed a registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Act. (Tr. 34-35.)

2. *Evidence of Party membership of Respondent*

Petitioner's witnesses Prince, Newton and Jackson identified the respondent, William Albertson, by pointing him out as present in the hearing room, seated at counsel table (tr. 100-101; 156-157, 232). Each of these witnesses testified to meetings of specific, constituent, organizational parts of the Communist Party of the United States of America which the witness attended and at which Albertson was among those present and participated. Albertson did not take the stand to deny or explain his presence at and participation in these meetings and no witnesses were presented by respondent to rebut or contradict the testimony given by petitioner's witnesses. Findings based upon the testimony of these witnesses will now be made.

a. Testimony of Ethel Newton

The witness Ethel Newton testified to specific Communist Party activities of Albertson during the period of years from December 1959 to July 1962 (tr. 156-183.)

Albertson was present at the National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States of America which was held in December 1959 in New York City (tr. 156). At the National Convention, Albertson gave a report on youth in which he stated that shortly following the convention

National Committee would appoint a Youth Commission (157-158). No other National Conventions of the Communist Party, U.S.A., have taken place since the one in December 1959 (tr. 162).[10]

Albertson was present at the reconvened New York State Convention of the Communist Party held in January 1960 in New York City (tr. 162, 166). Nominations for members of the New York State Committee of the party were read by Ben Davis who stated that he had been elected National Secretary of the Party at the National Convention (tr. 167). Albertson made a statement in relation to the nomination of two youth members to the effect that under the Constitution of the Communist Party they were not eligible for election since they had not been in the Party long enough (tr. 169). Albertson was among those nominated for membership on the New York State Committee of the Party (tr. 168). The witness left the State convention before the elections and before the election results were announced (tr. 221). At a subsequent general membership meeting of the New York State organization of the Communist Party, also held in January 1960, the county organizer announced that Albertson was the Organizational Secretary of the New York State Communist Party (tr. 171-172).[11]

In July 1961 Albertson was present at an enlarged meeting of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party (tr. 173-174).

At a meeting in November 1961 of the New York County Communist Party Council, held in New York City, Albert-

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[10] Other occurrences at the convention involving Albertson to which the witness Newton testified were also a subject of the testimony of the witness Thompson and findings thereon will be made in considering Thompson's testimony, *infra*.

[11] Albertson was not present at the general membership meeting (tr. 224-225). Respondent's motion to strike the testimony with reference to the announcement was denied with the understanding that the evidence would be considered only for the purpose of showing that Albertson was considered by the Party

son was among those present and gave a report on conditions confronting the Party under the McCarran Act (tr. 175-176). Albertson also announced that the meeting would be the last meeting of the New York County Council of the Party (tr. 176). Another speaker announced that Albertson would be relieved of his responsibilities in the Brooklyn organization of the Party in order to become coordinator of the New York County Coordinating Committee, which would take the place of the New York County Council, and that Albertson would be attached to the State Committee of the Party and be a full-time worker there (tr. 177).

A few days after this meeting Albertson met with the witness Newton at her home to discuss organizational matters in the Village area of the Party (tr. 178). This was in Albertson's capacity as New York Communist Party Coordinator (tr. 177). Later in the month of November 1961 a meeting of the New York County Coordinating Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., was held at at the home of the witness Newton (tr. 178-179). Albertson was present, acting as coordinator for the New York County of the Party, and stated that the Coordinating Committee would replace the old County Council, and that similar Coordinating Committees were being set up in all of the boroughs (tr. 179).

In January 1962 the witness Newton attended a meeting of the coordinators of all of the Communist Party clubs in New York County (tr. 179). Albertson, who was present, stated that the meeting was the first of a series of such meetings that would be called as there were problems to be discussed (tr. 180). The witness Newton was present at meetings of the New York County Communist Party Coordinating Committee in February, April, May and July of 1962, at which Albertson was present. At meetings in February he delivered the main report or brought announcements to the meetings (tr. 180-183). The meeting in May 1962 was at Newton's home or was the meeting

Jackson testified to two meetings of the Harlem Regional Committee of the Party at which Albertson was present, one in December 1961, and the other in January 1962 (tr. 242-245). At the December meeting Albertson stated that the Party will not tolerate any factional groups, that the life of the Party was at stake and there is no room in the Party for anyone who disagrees with the decisions that are made by the leadership (tr. 243-244). At the January (1962) meeting Albertson criticized the approach taken by one of the "comrades" toward The Worker (tr. 244-245).[13]

Albertson was present and participated in meetings of the Party Club Chairmen, Harlem area, in January 1962, March 1962, April 1962, and May 1962 (tr. 246-249). At the January meeting Albertson read a report on political activity, unity of the Party, and the need to put more effort in a campaign to raise funds for The Worker (tr. 246-247). At the March meeting Albertson gave a report on the need for the "comrades" to get into mass organizations, preferably political organizations (tr. 247-248). Albertson made proposals at the April meeting of activities to be undertaken designed to serve the cause of the Party by recruiting members while at the same time minimizing attack from right-wing elements (tr. 248). At the May (1962) meeting Albertson reported on the proposed merger of the Washington Heights group and the Harlem group, and he gave the name of the coordinator between leadership and the merged area (tr. 248-249).[14]

In August 1961 the witness Jackson attended a meeting of the Communist Party New York State Board at which Albertson was present and participated in the discussion

[13] The term "comrade" is used between members of the Communist Party meaning a member of the organization (tr. 250).

[14] Albertson also discussed this merger at a meeting in the same month of the New York Coordinating Committee (testimony of the witness Newton

mission (tr. 105).[15] The witness Prince attended one meeting of the Coordinators Committee after it was formed; this meeting was held a few weeks following the formation, in late November 1961 (tr. 105-106). Albertson was present and gave the main report on the provisions of the McCarran Act (tr. 106).

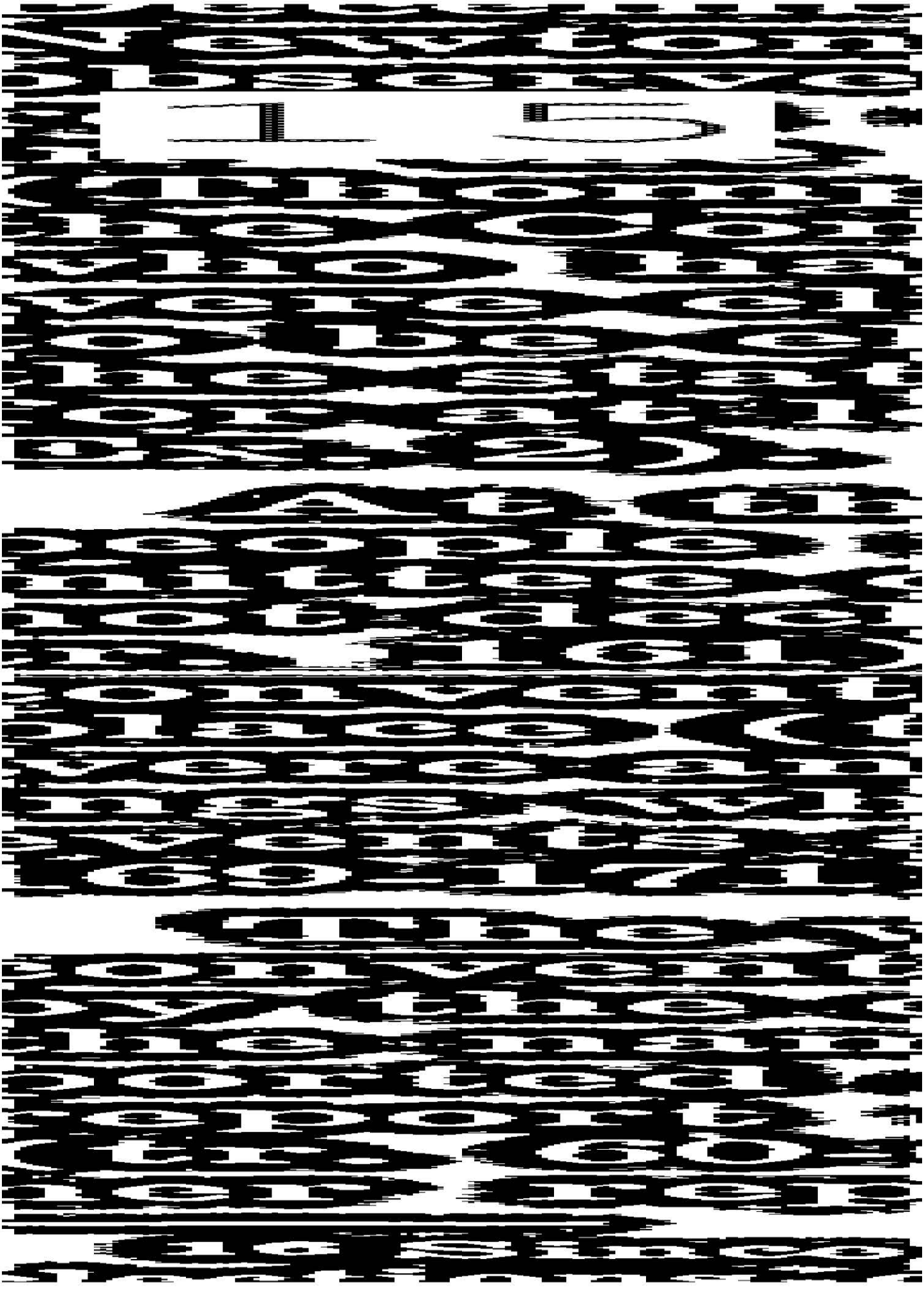
Prince, in the preceding month (October 1961) had attended another meeting at which the McCarran Act was the subject of discussion (tr. 106). This was a meeting of the King's County Council of the Communist Party (tr. 107). Albertson stated at the meeting that if the members were arrested they should take the Fifth Amendment, not the First Amendment, and that if they were to receive the registration forms they were to be returned unanswered since the Communist Party had no intention of surrendering the list of its members or any records (tr. 106-107).

Prince was present at an earlier meeting of the King's County Council of the Communist Party that took place in August 1961 (tr. 107-109). At this meeting it was announced that Albertson would serve as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the King's County Council of the Party (tr. 109). Albertson held this position until October 1961 when, at a meeting of the Council at which Albertson was present the chairman of the New York State Communist Party requested that Albertson be released for reassignment (tr. 108-110).

d. Testimony of Lulu Mae Thompson and Ethel Newton (17th Convention of the Party)

The witness Thompson was a delegate from her Communist Party organization in California to the 17th National

[15] The reorganization was discussed and approved at a Communist Party South caucus at which Albertson presided (tr. 102-105). Attendance was not restricted to members of the Communist Party (tr. 228-229). Albertson



the elections committee (tr. 63-64). Thompson had n independent recollection of hearing the name Albertso read by the elections committee and her report did no refresh her recollection (tr. 62-63). Over objection por tions of her report to the F.B.I. were made a part of th record (tr. 66-69). This portion of Thompson's repor listed Albertson among those elected to the National Com mittee of the Communist Party (tr. 65).

Conclusions

Taking all the facts together and considered as a whol it is clear that during the period covered by the petitio the respondent, William Albertson, by what he has don and said, had the desire and intent to be a member of th Communist Party of the United States of America, an there has been meaningful recognition by the Party tha it considers him as a member.

Albertson was nominated and elected a member of th National Committee of the Party at the Party Nationa Convention in December 1959. There have been no nationa conventions held since his election. During 1961 and th first six months of 1962, immediately preceding the hearin herein, Albertson held important positions of leadershi in the Party. Among these were: the highest position o the New York State Communist Party Youth Commission Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the King' County organization of the Communist Party; and Coordi nator of the New York County Communist Party.

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Jurisdiction and Venue

Jurisdiction and venue exist in this Court by virtue of section 14(a) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 793(a), which so far as is pertinent provides:

> "The party aggrieved by any order entered by the Board under subsections (g), (h), (i), or (j) of section 13, . . . may obtain a review of such order by filing in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, within sixty days from the date of service upon it of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Board be set aside."

Grounds for Relief

1. Sections 8 and 13 of the Act, on their face and as applied, are unconstitutional. They violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, which petitioner hereby asserts, and the First Amendment, and deny petitioner due process of law and trial by jury, as required by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments and Art. III, § 2, cl. 3, and constitute a bill of attainder.

2. The findings and order of the Board are based on erroneous constructions of the Act.

3. The findings and order of the Board are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

4. The findings and order of the Board are based on irrelevant evidence.

5. The Report of the Board fails to define adequately the grounds and reasoning of the order.

6. The Board erred in holding that petitioner was bound by the Board's prior determination that the Communist Party was a Communist-action organization.

Docket No. I-10-62

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General of the United States,
Petitioner,

v.

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, *Respondent.*

On Petition for an Order to Require Roscoe Quincy Proctor to Register and to File a Registration Statement With the Attorney General as Required by Section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as Amended, Purusant to Section 13(a)

(Filed May 31, 1962)

The Attorney General respectfully represents to the Subversive Activities Control Board that there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the Communist Party or the organization, to register under Section 7(a) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Act) as a Communist-action organization; that such order became final on October 20, 1961; that pursuant to Section 13(k) of the Act such order was published in the Federal Register on October 21, 1961; that more than sixty days have elapsed since such order became final; that such organization has not registered with the Attorney General nor has it filed a registration statement under Section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and that no officer thereof has registered for and on behalf of such organization or filed a registration statement for and on behalf of such organization as required by Section 7(h) of the Act and by the Attorney General's Regulations, 28 C.F.R., Section 11.205.

The Attorney General further respectfully represents to the Board that the respondent, a natural person, was a

of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization, and as such was required under Section 8(a) and (c) of the Act to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General on or before December 20, 1961, and that respondent has failed to do so and continues to fail to do so.

In support of this petition, the Attorney General alleges the following facts, based upon information and belief, relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, to wit:

II

During the months of January, February, and March, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent attended meetings of the Communist Party, the attendance at which was restricted to Communist Party members.

III

At the last National Convention of the Communist Party, in December, 1959, the respondent was elected a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. In March, 1962, and in the two year period immediately prior thereto, he served as a member of the District Committee of the Northern District of California.

III

During the months of January, February, and March, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent discussed and imparted information regarding Communist Party policies and activities with members of the organization.

IV

During the months of January, February, and April, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent was called upon for service in behalf of the Communist Party by members and officers of the organization.

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Preliminary Statement

This is a proceeding on petition of the Attorney General filed May 31, 1962, for an order of the Board requiring the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, to register and file a registration statement with the Attorney General as required of members of a Communist-action organization by section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended.[1] Pertinent parts of the Act are set forth in Appendix "A" attached and made a part hereof.

The petition alleged that Proctor was at the time of filing of the petition and at least since 1959 had been a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America;[2] that on October 20, 1961, an order of this Board became final requiring said Communist Party to register under section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and, that by reason of the failure of the Communist Party or any officer thereof to register and file a registration statement as prescribed in the Act, it became the duty of Proctor himself to register which he failed to do and continues to fail to do. In support of the petition, the Attorney General set forth, in paragraphs numbered "I" through "IV", allegations of facts relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, includ-

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1 At the time of filing the instant petition, the Attorney General also filed similar petitions against nine other individuals. Each of the nine individuals was represented by the same counsel, attorneys John J. Abt and Joseph Forer, who represented the respondent in this proceeding. Virtually identical answers were filed by each respondent. Ann Fagan Ginger and Richard Bancroft also entered their appearances on behalf of the instant respondent at the hearing of evidence herein (tr. 32).

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proceeding, constituting transcript pages 1 through 30. The hearing herein was held on November 19, 1962, in San Francisco, California, before the undersigned Member of the Board.

Counsel for petitioner presented the oral testimony of two witnesses and two exhibits (Attorney General's Exhibits 1 and 2). No witnesses were presented on behalf of respondent, nor were any exhibits identified or offered (tr. 107). Counsel for petitioner made a brief closing argument (tr. 107-108). Counsel for respondent made no closing argument stating that the record speaks for itself (tr. 108).

Petitioner, on November 26, 1962, filed and served proposed findings of fact consisting of forty-two numbered paragraphs. Respondent's proposed findings of fact, filed on December 3, 1962, were as follows in proposing the conclusion that the petition should be denied:

> 1. The petitioner has offered no evidence in support of the allegation in the petition that the Communist party of the United States is a Communist-action organization.
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> 2. The evidence introduced by petitioner, even if fully credited, would not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent is a member of the Communist Party of the United States within the meaning of the term "member" in the Subversive Activities Control Act.

The proposed findings submitted by both sides have been considered in making findings and conclusions herein.

The witnesses who gave oral testimony on behalf of petitioner were as follows:

Mrs. Lulu Mae Thompson, a housewife of Lathrop, California, joined the Communist Party in June of 1953 and ceased membership on March 30, 1962 (tr. 46, 70-71, 77).

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full opportunity for cross-examination of these witnesses was afforded and pertinent copies of their prior reports to the F.B.I. were delivered to counsel for respondent for use in cross-examination. The cross-examination was directed mainly to items, such as money received from the F.B.I., going to possible interest of the witnesses.

There was no rebuttal of any of the testimony given by petitioner's witnesses and their testimony was mutually consistent and corroborative. Respondent's proposed findings did not raise specific matters going to the credibility of either of the witnesses. The Hearing Member, having observed the witnesses and considered the entire record, credits each of them.

Production of Reports of Petitioner's Witnesses

At the conclusion of the direct examination of petitioner's witnesses Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard Thompson, there were delivered directly to counsel for respondent by counsel for petitioner the receipts that each witness had signed for money received from the F.B.I., and the prior written reports made by each witness to the F.B.I. which counsel for petitioner considered to be statements within the purview of Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3500.[4] At the same time there were delivered to the Hearing Member for *in camera* examination other documents representing information furnished to the F.B.I. by each witness. These documents were in two categories: (a) reports prepared by the witness, which petitioner's counsel conceded to be statements but considered not to contain any material which related to the subject matter of the witness' testimony, and (b) reports prepared by agents of the F.B.I. following oral interviews with the witness, which petitioner's counsel considered not to contain related matter within Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3500. (Sec. tr. 61, 87-88.)

[4] Lists of reports turned over directly to counsel for respondent as to Lulu Mae Thompson appear at transcript pages 63-64; and those as to Howard Thompson at transcript page 88-89.

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ounsel for petitioner, during the hearing, requested the
Hearing Member to take official notice for the purpose of
his proceeding of an order which the Board entered and
f subsequent proceedings in the matter of the Communist
Party of the United States of America (tr. 34-35). Coun-
el for respondent objected to such official notice on the
rounds that respondent Proctor was not a party to the
roceedings involving the Communist Party and was not
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Upon consideration of an identical request for official
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> The clear intent of the Act is that once an order of this Board has become "final" requiring an organization to register as a Communist-action organization, the issue whether the organization is of such type is not to be relitigated in subsequent proceedings for the registration of a member of the organization. The Act provides for the registration of any member of an organization concerning which "there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register under section 7(a) of this title as a Communist-action organization." (Section 8(a).) Thus an "issue" in a proceeding for the registration of an individual member is whether there is in effect a final order requiring the registration of the organization to which the individual is alleged to belong.[8] Counsel for respondent did not, and could not dispute the fact that

[8] The Act provides full opportunity for an organization that has been determined to be a Communist-action organization to obtain subsequent relief from the registration requirements by proper showing that it is not then a Communist-action organization. (Section 13(b) and (c).)

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been entered by the said United States Court of Ap-
peals on July 30, 1959, in Communist Party of the
United States v. Subversive Activities Control Board;

4. More than ten (10) days have elapsed since the
Supreme Court entered its mandate on October 10,
1961, in Communist Party of the United States of
America v. Subversive Activities Control Board, No.
12, October Term, 1960;

5. There was published in the Federal Register for
October 21, 1961, Volume 26, No. 204, at page 9923, a
notice by the Subversive Activities Control Board of
the fact that the order of the Board requiring the Com-
munist Party of the United States of America to reg-
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tion 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of
1950 became final on the 20th day of October 1961; and

6. More than sixty (60) days have elapsed since
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was stipulated by counsel and the Hearing Member
s: that the Communist Party of the United States
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ctor, has not registered or filed a registration state-
t with the Attorney General pursuant to section 8(a)

2. Evidence of Party Membership of Respondent

Petitioner's witnesses Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard Thompson identified the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, by pointing him out as present in the hearing room, seated at counsel table (tr. 47, 81, 72-73). The Thompsons testified to meetings of specific, constituent, organizational parts of the Communist Party of the United States of America which the witnesses attended and at which Proctor was among those present and participated. Proctor did not take the stand to deny or explain the evidence furnished by petitioner's witnesses and no witnesses were presented by respondent to rebut or contradict that evidence. Findings based upon the testimony of these witnesses will now be made.

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a. Testimony of Lulu Mae Thompson

In November 1959, the witness Lulu Mae Thompson attended the first session of the Convention of the Communist Party of Northern California held in Oakland, California (tr. 47).[5] There were discussions of various topics in preparation for the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party and the election of delegates to the National Convention took place (tr. 47). The respondent Proctor and the witness Lulu Mae Thompson were among those elected delegates to the National Convention (tr. 48).

The witness attended all sessions of the National Convention of the Party held in December 1959 in New York City (tr. 48). Proctor was present at the sessions of the National Convention (tr. 48). He represented the Northern California delegation on the Negro Commission and was also appointed as one of a committee of three to visit William Z. Foster, the chairman emeritus of the Communist Party, who was unable to attend the convention because of illness (tr. 48).

[5] The respondent Proctor was present at this and at all subsequent meetings

During the convention the respondent and the witness attended a caucus of the Northern California delegation which had been called for the purpose of selecting nominees to represent Northern California on the National Committee (tr. 48-49). Proctor was nominated and accepted the nomination (tr. 49).

The National Convention adopted certain recommended changes in the Constitution of the Communist Party, U. S. A. (tr. 51-52). Under the Constitution, as amended, only members of the Party who had been in good standing for at least five years were eligible for election to the National Committee, and to be eligible for election as a State officer or member of the State Committee a member had to be in good standing for at least two years (A.G. Ex. 1, pp. 10 and 15, and A.G. Ex. 2). The witness is without knowledge of any changes in the Constitution from December 1959 until March 1962 when she left the Party (tr. 52-53).

During the last session of the National Convention, election of National Committee members was held (tr. 49). The chairman of each delegation went to the rostum where he received the ballots from the Elections Committee. He then returned to his delegation and distributed the ballots. After the delegates marked them, the delegation chairman collected them and returned them to the Elections Committee which retired from the room to count them. The Elections Committee later returned and announced the results of the election (tr. 49). The witness recalled the name of Roscoe Proctor being read as one of those elected to the National Committee of the Party (tr. 49-50).

Following the announcement of the Elections Committee, the convention itself was adjourned, and the delegates who had not been elected to the National Committee retired from the convention hall (tr. 50). The newly elected National Committee then went into session (tr. 50). Later, Proctor and another member of the National Committee

...oy. Proctor reported on the Citizens Committee for Consti...utional Liberties (tr. 56). According to Proctor the pres...ent purpose of the Committee is to disseminate propa...ganda, but in the event arrests were made in the Party...it would become a defense committee (tr. 56). The chair...man of the Party's Northern California District asked...Proctor to take the chairman's place while he was on...vacation (tr. 54, 56).

The Party's District Committee of ...thern California...met in September 1961 in San Francisco (tr. 56-57)...Proctor again reported on the Citizens Committee for Con...stitutional Liberties (tr. 57). He stated that the Citizens...Committee had representation of Party and non-Party...people, and that the District Board of the Communist...Party of Northern California was to meet and establish...policies for the Communist Party members working in...this committee (tr. 57).

In January 1962, the representatives of the outlying...counties of the Communist Party of Northern California...met at Proctor's home in Berkeley (tr. 57-58). The chair...man of the Party's Northern California District announced...that Proctor had been assigned "to ride herd" on the...People's World fund campaign then in progress (tr. 54,...58). Proctor's report to the meeting included his recom...mendation that all Communists review Gus Hall's article...in the August issue of Political Affairs (tr. 58). Proctor...announced that Hall would be in the San Francisco Bay...area later in January, and that many meetings were being...arranged for him (tr. 58).

Proctor's home was the location for another meeting of...representatives of the outlying counties of the Communist...Party of Northern California in February 1962 (tr. 58)...In his report on the visit of Gus Hall to the area, Proctor...stated that Hall had addressed a meeting of all of the...national leaders of the Party on the Pacific Coast and had

youth director to work with youth along Communist Party lines (tr. 59).

In March 1962, the witness attended still another meeting of the representatives of the outlying counties of the Communist Party of Northern California (tr. 59). This, too, was held at Proctor's home (tr. 59). Proctor reported on weekly meetings of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (tr. 59). He also stated that he had attended a meeting of the national leaders in Detroit on the previous weekend (tr. 60).

b. Testimony of Howard Thompson

In February 1961, the witness and Proctor, along with other "comrades," drove together and attended a meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party of Northern California (tr. 86).

In March 1961, and in the latter part of June 1961, the witness attended meetings of the District Committee[6] of the Communist Party of Northern California held in San Francisco at which respondent was present (tr. 82, 86).[7] At a meeting of the same District Committee in August 1961, Proctor gave a report on the organization of a citizens committee to resist the Supreme Court decision and which was later to become a defense committee (tr. 83). The District Committee assigned themselves a quota of $3500 to finance the citizens committee (tr. 83). It was also announced at this meeting that Proctor would be in charge of the District Board of the Communist Party of Northern California during Micky Lima's absence on vacation (tr. 83). The District Committee voted to concur with the

[6] The witness was not a member of the District Committee but attended District Committee meetings as an observer (tr. 92-93). The witness did not attend the March 1961 meeting in full (tr. 93).

[7] Respondent was present at this and at all meetings to which the witness Howard Thompson testified to herein.

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the National Executive Committee (tr. 83).

At a Communist Party meeting of the District Commit
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home in February 1962, the respondent reported that Gus
Hall had been in the area, had given reports on the expul
sions in New York, and had suggested that a full-time
person be delegated for youth work (tr. 84-85). Proctor
further reported that the National Committee members of
the West Coast had held a meeting, and that the Party
would carry on its work to organize the committees to
combat the effects of the Supreme Court decision (tr. 84-
85).

Conclusions

The facts show that the respondent, Roscoe Quincy
Proctor, was duly nominated and elected a member of the
high ranking National Committee of the Communist Party
of the United States of America, and thereafter partici-
pated in the meetings of the committee. He was also
elected, in February 1960, a member of the Northern Cali-
fornia District Committee of the Party, and was shown
to have been serving as such in February of 1962, a few
months before the Attorney General filed his petition in-
stituting this proceeding. Under the Communist Party's
Constitution, eligibility for these positions required mem-
bership in good standing in the Party for five years for the
National Committee and two years for the District Com-
mittee.

Proctor was given responsibility for certain work of the
Party in Northern California and thereafter reported to
Party groups on the progress of the work. In February
1961, Proctor reported to the District Committee of the
Party in Northern California on a Communist Party schoo
he had attended in New York City. It was shown that

ous Party localities met with Proctor at his home to conduct Party business. At one of these meetings Proctor stated that he had recently attended a meeting of the national leaders in Detroit. At a meeting of the Northern California District Committee of the Party in August 1961, it was announced that Proctor would be in charge of the District Board while the chairman was on vacation.

The facts that have been found herein, some of which are summarized above, were established by uncontroverted evidence presented by two witnesses one or both of whom were present as members of the Communist Party at the meetings in which Proctor participated. The witness Lulu Mae Thompson was a member at the same time as Proctor of the Northern California District Committee of the Party.

The evidence of record clearly establishes that the respondent, Proctor, by both his words and actions, had and continues to have the desire and intent to be a member of the Communist Party, and that the Party has and continues to recognize and consider him to be a member. It is found and determined that the evidence preponderates to establish that Proctor is, and since at least the close of the year 1959 has been, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America.

There is in effect, and has been since October 20, 1961, a final order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring the Communist Party, U. S. A., to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act as a Communist-action organization. The respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, who has not registered under section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act, is in fact required to register under such section.

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an informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and acting as such during the periods of membership in the Communist Party about which the testimony was given. As pointed out by the Hearing Member, the testimony was mutually consistent. There was full opportunity for cross-examination of the witnesses and full opportunity was also afforded for the presentation of rebuttal testimony. The Board does not find any basis in the record for respondent's blanket attack upon the credibility of the witnesses. The fact that the witnesses testified to the operations and activities which they were paid to observe does not render their testimony inadmissible under the First and Fourth Amendments.

Respondent's exception 3 raises the question as to the time membership must be found, and the grounds and reasons therefor. The Hearing Member in his Recommended Decision concluded that respondent "is, and since at least the close of the year 1959 has been, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America." (Recommended Decision, page 15.) Consideration of the record as a whole fully supports this finding. The evidence shows a continuing recognition by the Party of respondent as a member from a time prior to his nomination and election to the National Committee in December of 1959 up to at least a few months before the Attorney General's petition was filed. The record also gives many facts evidencing respondent's intention to be a member continuously throughout these years, such as meetings he held at his home to discuss Party business with other members of the Party, and his steady attendance at meetings of Party organiza-

nesses stated he was present and participated and which were described as Communist Party meetings. Among the activities of Proctor at Communist Party meetings were reporting on matters in which the Party had an interest or connection. The "activities" were admissible to show the nature of the meetings and Proctor's familiarity with and participation in the business of the Communist Party. Determination whether the matters of Party business in which Proctor was shown to have been active were "constitutionally protected" is not an issue in this proceeding. Proctor's activities are merely relevant items of evidence in determining whether he is a member of the Communist Party. Membership is the fact to be determined. Assuming arguendo that the evidence of membership consists of constitutionally protected conduct, this does not render the evidence inadmissible to establish membership.

Respondent's exception 9 is to the effect that the two witnesses, Lulu Mae and Howard Thompson, cannot be said to have been present at meetings of the Communist Party as members because they "were present as paid spies and were not members within the meaning of the Communist Party Constitution of 1957, as amended in 1959."[2] The testimony of the witnesses that they were members of the Party and their testimony showing that

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[1] For instance, during Proctor's presence at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California it was announced that he had been given responsibility for the Party's "peace work" of the outlying counties (tr. 55; Recommended Decision, page 11). He was shown to have reported to subsequent meetings of the District Committee on a peace demonstration and on the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (tr. 55-56; Recommended Decision, page 12). At another District Committee meeting where he reported on the Citizens Committee he stated that the District Board of the Party was to meet and establish policies for the Party members working in this committee (tr. 57; Recommended Decision, page 12).

[2] The reliance on the Communist Party Constitution, although not supported by any record citation, is taken as referring to Attorney General's Exhibits 1 and 2 which constitute the constitution as amended at the 1959 National Convention of the Party, and are the only evidence of record giving the provisions of the Constitution.

Upon consideration of the record, the Recommended De
cision, and the exceptions thereto, the Board finds tha
the Recommended Decision should be and the same is here
by adopted as the findings and conclusions of the Board.

The Board finds and determines from the preponderanc
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is a member of the Communist Party of the United State
of America, a Communist-action organization. There is i
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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No. 17,623

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, *Petitioner*,

v.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD, *Respondent*

Petition for Review

(Filed Feb. 14, 1963)

Roscoe Quincy Proctor, by his attorneys, petitions
Court to review and set aside the order of the Subve
Activities Control Board (hereafter called the Bo
issued January 18, 1963, in the proceeding before
Board entitled Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney Gener
the United States, Petitioner v. Roscoe Quincy Pro
Respondent, Docket No. I-10-62.

NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The order involved herein was issued under se
13(g)(2) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of
(hereafter called the Act), 50 U.S. Code § 792(g)(2)
requires the petitioner herein to register under section
and (c) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 787(a) and (c), "
member of the Communist Party of the United State
America, a Communist-action organization." The o
was issued after proceedings before the Board init
under section 13(a) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 792(a
a petition of the Attorney General alleging that petiti
was a member of the Communist Party of the United S
of America and that neither he nor that organization
registered under the Act.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

August 9, 1963

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

On 8/6/63 the Washington Field Office furnished copies of a "Brief for National Lawyers Guild, as Amicus Curiae," that was filed 7/16/63 in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) in behalf of Proctor by Leonard B. Boudin, counsel for Amicus Curiae acting for the Guild. Proctor is appealing the registration order issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board under Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. His case and that of William Albertson were selected and approved by the DCCA to be processed on appeal and the attorneys for the Government and the Communists have agreed to be bound by the decision in the Al[bertson] and Proctor cases in the remaining twelve cases in which orders have been issued by the Board.

The Amicus Curiae brief sets out that although submitted in the Proctor case it is believed the argumen[t] applicable to the Albertson case.

The argument set forth in the brief is as fo[llows]:

"If the order under review is based solely on the evidence taken before the Board in this proceeding, it violates First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and association. If it is based in part on other facts or supposed facts, which have not been proved with relation to petitioner personal[ly] and which he has had no opportunity to rebut, it v[iolates] due process of law."

A footnote comment in the brief sets for[th] the brief is restricted to the above argument, this [may] be taken as an indication that the National Lawye[rs] also concerned with the self-incrimination proble[m].

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This brief contains no mention of or derogatory statements regarding the FBI or FBI personnel.

ACTION:

For information. We will follow the progress of the Albertson and Proctor cases in the DCCA.

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Memorandum

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DATE: 8/30/63

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(OO:NY)

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Enclosed for Bureau are two copies of "Brief for Petitioners" filed 8/19/63 in U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., in captioned cases, Nos. 17492 and 17623, respectively, in that Court. One copy each enclosed for New York and San Francisco.

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IN THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Docket No. I-1-62

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General of the United States,
Petitioner,

v.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, *Respondent.*

On petition for an order to require William Albertson to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General as required by Section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, pursuant to Section 13(a)

(Filed May 31, 1962)

The Attorney General respectfully represents to the Subversive Activities Control Board that there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the Communist Party or the organization, to register under Section 7(a) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Act) as a Communist-action organization; that such order became final on October 20, 1961; that pursuant to Section 13(k) of the Act such order was published in the Federal Register on October 21, 1961; that more than sixty days have elapsed since such order became final; that such organization has not registered with the Attorney General nor has it filed a registration statement under Section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and that no officer thereof has registered for and on behalf of such organization or filed a registration statement for and on behalf of such organization as required by Section 7(h) of the Act and by the Attorney General's Regulations, 28 C.F.R., Section 11.205.

The Attorney General further respectfully represents to the Board that the respondent, a natural person, was at

all times mentioned herein, and continues to be, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization, and as such was required under Section 8(a) and (c) of the Act to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General on or before December 20, 1961, and that respondent has failed to do so and continues to fail to do so.

In support of this petition, the Attorney General alleges the following facts, based upon information and belief, relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, to wit:

I

During the months of January and February, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent made statements disclosing that he was a member of and that he was a functionary of the Communist Party.

II

During the months of December, 1961, and January and February, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent attended meetings of the Communist Party, the attendance at which was restricted to Communist Party members.

III

On or about December, 1959, the respondent was elected a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and from on or about January, 1960, to the date hereof has served as a member of the New York State Committee and the New York State Board of the Communist Party.

IV

During the months of January, and February, and April, 1962, the respondent discussed and imparted information regarding Communist Party policy and activities with members of the Communist Party.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that the Board enter an order against the respondent requiring him to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General as a member of a Communist-action organization in the manner required by the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert F. Kennedy
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J. WALTER YEAGLEY
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Assistant Attorney General

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Department of Justice

CITY OF WASHINGTON }
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA } ss:

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the petitioner above named; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY
Robert F. Kennedy

Sworn to before me this 31st day of May, 1962.

EVELYN G. DODD
Notary Public, D. C.

My Commission expires June 14, 1963.

Answer

(Filed June 25, 1962)

The respondent, answering the petition:

1. States that sections 8 and 13 of the Subversive Activities Control Act, on their face and as sought to be applied in this proceeding are unconstitutional in that they violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, which respondent hereby asserts, and the First Amendment, and deny respondent due process of law and trial by jury as required by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments and Art. III, sec. 2, cl. 3, and constitute a bill of attainder.

2. States that the petition fails to allege facts warranting issuance of the order prayed for.

3. Denies the allegation that the Communist Party of the United States of America is a Communist-action organization.

4. In reliance upon the privilege against self-incrimination, refuses to answer the allegation that respondent was and continues to be a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America and the allegations of paragraphs I to IV, inclusive, of the petition.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK } ss:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the respondent above named and has read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of respondent's knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June, 1962.

BLANCH FREEDMAN
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Report of the Board

(Filed October 29, 1962)

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This is a proceeding on petition of the Attorney General, filed May 31, 1962, for an order of the Board requiring the respondent, William Albertson, to register and file a registration statement with the Attorney General as required of members of a Communist-action organization by section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities

Control Act of 1950, as amended.[1] Pertinent parts of the Act are set forth in Appendix "A" attached and made a part hereof.

The petition alleged that Albertson was at the time of the filing of the petition and at least since 1959 had been a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America;[2] that on October 20, 1961, an order of this Board became final requiring said Communist Party to register under section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and, that by reason of the failure of the Communist Party or any officer thereof to register and file a registration statement as prescribed in the Act, it became the duty of Albertson himself to register which he failed to do and continues to fail to do. In support of the petition, the Attorney General set forth, in paragraphs numbered "I" through "IV", allegations of facts relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, including his making of statements disclosing such membership, his attendance at meetings restricted to members of the Party, his election to membership on the National Committee of the Party, his serving as a member of the New York State Committee and the New York State Board of the Party, and his discussions of Communist Party policy with other members of the Party.

Respondent, on June 25, 1962, filed an answer to the petition attacking the constitutionality of sections 8 and 13 of the Act; stating that the petition fails to allege facts warranting issuance of the order prayed for; denying the allegation that the Communist Party of the United States

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[1] At the time of filing the instant petition, the Attorney General also filed similar petitions against nine other individuals. Each of the nine individuals was represented by the same counsel, attorneys John J. Abt and Joseph Forer, who represented the respondent in this proceeding. Virtually identical answers were filed by each respondent.

[2] For convenience the Communist Party of the United States of America will sometimes be referred to herein as "the Communist Party" or "the Party."

of America is a Communist-action organization; and relying upon the privilege against self-incrimination in refusing to answer the allegation that respondent was and continues to be a member of the Communist Party and the allegations of paragraphs I to IV, inclusive, of the petition.

Pursuant to Rule 201.7(a) revised, of the Board's Rules of Procedure, the reliance in respondent's answer to the petition upon the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination operates as a denial for purposes of the Board proceeding.

A consolidated prehearing conference in this and the similar cases (see footnote "1," *supra*) was held on July 2, 1962. Thereafter the Board, on July 6, 1962, entered an order acting upon matters raised at the prehearing conference. Counsel for respondent having requested and counsel for petitioner having agreed to a postponement of the original earlier hearing date, the hearing was rescheduled and began on September 11 and concluded on September 24, 1962, in Washington, D. C., before the undersigned members of the Board.

Counsel for petitioner presented the oral testimony of four witnesses and three exhibits (Attorney General Exhibits 1-3, inclusive). No witnesses were presented on behalf of respondent. One exhibit, a prior report of one of petitioner's witnesses, was offered by respondent and received in evidence (Albertson Exhibit 6).[3] At the conclusion of the hearing closing argument was made by counsel for petitioner. (Tr. 290-302.) Counsel for respondent stated:

> I think the record in this case speaks for itself, Mr. Chairman, and I see no occasion for me to elaborate my position at this time. (Tr. 302.)

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[3] Receipts for money paid to petitioner's witnesses by the Federal Bureau of Investigation were given exhibit numbers for purposes of identification but were not offered in evidence. As will appear, the witnesses were cross-examined in detail on money they received from the F.B.I.

Petitioner, on October 8, 1962, filed and served proposed findings of fact consisting of forty numbered paragraphs. Respondent's proposed findings of fact, filed on October 15, 1962, were as follows in proposing the conclusion that the petition should be denied:

> 1. The petitioner has offered no evidence in support of the allegation in the petition that the Communist Party of the United States is a Communist-action organization.
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> 2. The evidence introduced by petitioner, even if fully credited, would not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent is a member of the Communist Party of the United States within the meaning of the term "member" in the Subversive Activities Control Act.

The proposed findings submitted by both sides have been considered in making findings and conclusions herein.[4]

The witnesses who gave oral testimony on behalf of petitioner as follows:

Mrs. Lulu Mae Thompson, a housewife of Lathrop, California (tr. 39-40, 80). She joined the Communist Party in June of 1953 and ceased membership on March 30, 1962 (tr. 40). While a member of the Communist Party she was treasurer of the Communist Party's Local 17 County Club of San Joaquin County, chairman of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Party, member of the Party District Committee of Northern California, and a delegate to the 17th National Convention of the Party (tr. 40).

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[4] It was stipulated by counsel for both sides that following argument and the submission of proposed findings the Board would proceed to consider the record and issue an appropriate report and order without first issuing an initial or tentative decision. (See Order entered July 6, 1962, following prehearing conference.)

Allen R. Prince, a salesman of food products of Brooklyn, New York (tr. 99, 119). He joined the Communist Party in October 1959, and was a member at the time of this hearing (tr. 99). During his Communist Party membership he was financial treasurer of the Brooklyn Youth Club of the Party, and in November of 1960 became organizer of the Club; member of the Executive Board of the Club; member of the King's County Council of the Communist Party; and member of the Party's New York State Youth Committee or Commission (tr. 99-100).

Mrs. Ethel Newton, of New York City, the executive assistant of a private high school in New Jersey (tr. 155, 189). She was a member of the Communist Party from 1947 until late 1949 and then rejoined in 1955 and was a member at the time of this hearing (tr. 155, 189-190). While a member of the Party during the most recent period she was organizer of the Village Club 2 of the Party, coordinator of the Club, organizer of the Village Section of the Party, member of the New York County Communist Party Council, and member of the Committee and Coordinating Committee of the New York State Communist Party (tr. 156).

Albert Jackson, a refrigeration mechanic, of New York City (tr. 270-271). He first joined the Communist Party in Pittsburgh in 1945 (tr. 266). He was a member of the Party at the time of testifying in this hearing (tr. 231). For about eight months up to the time of testifying he has been chairman of the Eleventh A.D. Communist Party Club in New York City (tr. 231-232, 245-246). Other positions he has held in the Party were: Press Director of the Club, Educational Director of the Club, representative of the Harlem Region of the Party to the New York State Party Committee (assigned in April of 1961), and member of the Harlem Regional Committee of the Party (tr. 232, 242).

Each of petitioner's four witnesses was a paid informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation during his mem-

bership in the Communist Party, in the instances of Newton and Jackson during the latter period of their membership. While members of the Party and informants for the F.B.I. they reported to the F.B.I. on the activities of the Party, and received money from the F.B.I. for both services and expenses.[5] Prince and Thompson also served as paid informants before becoming members of the Party. Full opportunity for cross-examination of these witnesses was afforded and pertinent copies of their prior reports to the F.B.I. were delivered to counsel for respondent for use in cross-examination. The cross-examination was directed mainly to items, such as money received from the F.B.I., going to possible interest of the witnesses. There was no rebuttal testimony of any of the testimony given by these witnesses and their testimony was mutually consistent and corroborative. By way of closing argument counsel for respondent elected to stand on the record *(supra)*. His proposed findings did not raise specific matters going to the credibility of any of these witnesses. The Board, having observed the witnesses and considered the entire record, credits the witnesses.

Production of Reports of Petitioner's Witnesses

At the conclusion of the direct examination of each of the four witnesses presented by petitioner, there were delivered directly to counsel for respondent by counsel for petitioner the receipts that the witness had signed for money received from the F.B.I., and the prior written reports made by the witness to the F.B.I. which counsel for petitioner considered to be statements within the purview

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[5] Generally, the amount received from the F.B.I. increased with the time that a particular witness was in the Party and furnishing more information. For instance, the witness Lulu Mae Thompson received around $25.00 a month when she first started reporting and this was increased to $75.00, then to $100.00 and ultimately to $225.00 (Tr. 81-96.) The witness Albert Jackson received about $1600.00 for the first seven months in the year 1962. (Tr. 271.) The husband of the witness Thompson and the wife of the witness Prince were also paid informants for the F.B.I. (*E.g.*, tr. 90; 137-138.)

of Title 18 U.S.C. § 3500.[6] At the same time there were delivered to the Board for *in camera* examination other documents representing information furnished to the F.B.I. by the witness. These documents were in two categories: (a) reports prepared by the witness, which counsel conceded to be statements but considered not to contain any material which related to the subject matter of the witness' testimony, and (b) reports prepared by agents of the F.B.I. following oral interviews with the witnesses, which counsel considered not to contain related matter and also not to be statements within 18 U.S.C. 3500. (See tr. 70-73; 111-113; 184-186; 250-252.)

These documents, numbering in excess of fifteen hundred, were examined by the Board *in camera*. Certain of of them were determined to contain related material, and from these excisions of unrelated portions were requested by counsel for petitioner in a few instances and were considered and granted by the Board. The documents were then delivered to counsel for respondent who, after reviewing them, did not desire further cross-examination of the witnesses involved (tr. 152; 284).[7] With respect to the category of documents in the form of memoranda prepared by agents of the F.B.I. on oral information furnished by the witnesses, it was unnecessary in any instance to determine whether the agents' memoranda qualified as statements of the witnesses under 18 U.S.C. 3500. In all but three instances this category of documents did not contain any material that related to the subject matter of the witnesses' testimony. In the instances of the documents that did contain related material, the question whether they were "statements" was waived by counsel for petitioner (tr. 152, 284-285).

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[6] Lists of reports that were turned over directly to counsel for respondent appear at transcript pages 275 to 281, inclusive.

[7] The additional documents that were delivered to counsel for respondent were: three reports of the witness Thompson; one report of the witness Prince; and three reports of the witness Newton.

In each instance, counsel for respondent noted for the record objections to the Board determination that the documents not produced were not relevant, to the determination that certain of the reports were not statements without taking extrinsic evidence, and to the excision of any material from those documents that were produced (tr. 153; 285). The objections were overruled and the documents were made Board exhibits, sealed, as follows: the Thompson documents, Board Exhibit 1; The Prince documents, Board Exhibit 2; the Newton documents, Board Exhibit 3; and the Jackson documents, Board Exhibit 4 (tr. 153-154; 285).

The Issues

The primary issue in this proceeding is, as stated by counsel in their opening statements, whether the respondent. William Albertson, is (or at the times mentioned in the petition, was) a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America. (See, tr. 35-36.) Another issue, raised by counsel for respondent, is whether the Communist Party of the United States is a Communist-action organization. (See tr. 38-39 and Respondent's Proposed Finding No. 1.) We will treat first with the latter.

Counsel for petitioner, at the outset of the hearing, requested the Board to take official notice for the purposes of this proceeding of an order which the Board entered and of subsequent proceedings in the matter of the Communist Party of the United States of America (tr. 33-34). Counsel for respondent objected to such official notice. The grounds were that William Albertson, respondent herein, was not a party to the proceedings involving the Communist Party and was not, and cannot be bound by those proceedings and hence they are not competent with respect to him here (tr. 39).

The clear intent of the Act is that once an order of this Board has become "final" requiring an organization to register as a Communist-action organization, the issue

whether the organization is of such type is not to be relitigated in subsequent proceedings for the registration of a member of the organization. The Act provides for the registration of any member of an organization concerning which "there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register under section 7(a) of this title as a Communist-action organization." (Section 8(a).) Thus an "issue" in a proceeding for the registration of an individual member is whether there is in effect a final order requiring the registration of the organization to which the individual is alleged to belong.[8] Counsel for respondent did not, and could not dispute the fact that there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party, U.S.A., to register as a Communist-action organization. (See the facts set forth below under the subheading "Official Notice.")

It would be a plainly unreasonable application of the Act to require that in a proceeding involving an individual, if shown to be a member of the Party and thus fairly represented in the Party proceeding, the status of the Party must nonetheless be relitigated.[9] To do so would frustrate the purpose of the Act to obtain disclosure of the members of a communist-action organizaiton.

Findings of Fact

1. *Official Notice*

For the reasons indicated above, respondent's objection to the taking of official notice was overruled and the parties were notified that official notice would be taken of the following which are hereby deemed to be facts for the

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[8] The Act provides full opportunity for an organization that has been determined to be a Communist-action organization to obtain subsequent relief from the registration requirements by proper showing that it is not then a Communist-action organization. Sections 13(b) and (i)(l).

[9] The Board, in the proceeding involving the Communist Party, on the basis of a record comprising over 14,000 pages of oral testimony and hundreds of exhibits, in which the Party was represented by competent counsel, determined the Party to be a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act.

purposes of this proceeding. (See tr. 148-151.) No evidence was offered by respondent to rebut these facts.

1. The Subversive Activities Control Board on April 20, 1953, entered an order requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950;

2. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on July 30, 1959, entered its judgment in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board, which affirmed the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization;

3. The Supreme Court of the United States on October 10, 1961, entered its mandate which affirmed the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which judgment had been entered by the said United States Court of Appeals on July 30, 1959, in Communist Party of the United States vs. Subversive Activities Control Board;

4. More than ten (10) days have elapsed since the Supreme Court entered its mandate on October 10, 1961, in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board No. 12, October Term, 1960;

5. There was published in the Federal Register for October 21, 1961, Volume 26, No. 204, at page 9923, a notice by the Subversive Activities Control Board of the fact that the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 became final on the 20th day of October 1961; and

6. More than sixty (60) days have elapsed since October 20, 1961.

It was stipulated by counsel and the Board finds: that the Communist Party of the United States of America has not registered with the Attorney General nor filed a registration statement pursuant to section 7 of the Act; that no officer of the Communist Party nor any authorized representative of the Party has registered for and on behalf of the organization pursuant to section 7(h) of the Act; and, that the respondent, William Albertson, has not registered or filed a registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Act. (Tr. 34-35.)

2. *Evidence of Party membership of Respondent*

Petitioner's witnesses Prince, Newton and Jackson identified the respondent, William Albertson, by pointing him out as present in the hearing room, seated at counsel table (tr. 100-101; 156-157, 232). Each of these witnesses testified to meetings of specific, constituent, organizational parts of the Communist Party of the United States of America which the witness attended and at which Albertson was among those present and participated. Albertson did not take the stand to deny or explain his presence at and participation in these meetings and no witnesses were presented by respondent to rebut or contradict the testimony given by petitioner's witnesses. Findings based upon the testimony of these witnesses will now be made.

a. Testimony of Ethel Newton

The witness Ethel Newton testified to specific Communist Party activities of Albertson during the period of years from December 1959 to July 1962 (tr. 156-183.)

Albertson was present at the National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States of America which was held in December 1959 in New York City (tr. 156). At the National Convention, Albertson gave a report on youth in which he stated that shortly following the convention

the National Committee would appoint a Youth Commission (tr. 157-158). No other National Conventions of the Communist Party, U.S.A., have taken place since the one in December 1959 (tr. 162).[10]

Albertson was present at the reconvened New York State Convention of the Communist Party held in January 1960 in New York City (tr. 162, 166). Nominations for members of the New York State Committee of the party were read by Ben Davis who stated that he had been elected National Secretary of the Party at the National Convention (tr. 167). Albertson made a statement in relation to the nomination of two youth members to the effect that under the Constitution of the Communist Party they were not eligible for election since they had not been in the Party long enough (tr. 169). Albertson was among those nominated for membership on the New York State Committee of the Party (tr. 168). The witness left the State convention before the elections and before the election results were announced (tr. 221). At a subsequent general membership meeting of the New York State organization of the Communist Party, also held in January 1960, the county organizer announced that Albertson was the Organizational Secretary of the New York State Communist Party (tr. 171-172).[11]

In July 1961 Albertson was present at an enlarged meeting of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party (tr. 173-174).

At a meeting in November 1961 of the New York County Communist Party Council, held in New York City, Albert-

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[10] Other occurrences at the convention involving Albertson to which the witness Newton testified were also a subject of the testimony of the witness Thompson and findings thereon will be made in considering Thompson's testimony, *infra*.

[11] Albertson was not present at the general membership meeting (tr. 224-225). Respondent's motion to strike the testimony with reference to the announcement was denied with the understanding that the evidence would be considered only for the purpose of showing that Albertson was considered by the Party people to be a member of the Party (tr. 226).

son was among those present and gave a report on conditions confronting the Party under the McCarran Act (tr. 175-176). Albertson also announced that the meeting would be the last meeting of the New York County Council of the Party (tr. 176). Another speaker announced that Albertson would be relieved of his responsibilities in the Brooklyn organization of the Party in order to become coordinator of the New York County Coordinating Committee, which would take the place of the New York County Council, and that Albertson would be attached to the State Committee of the Party and be a full-time worker there (tr. 177).

A few days after this meeting Albertson met with the witness Newton at her home to discuss organizational matters in the Village area of the Party (tr. 178). This was in Albertson's capacity as New York Communist Party Coordinator (tr. 177). Later in the month of November 1961 a meeting of the New York County Coordinating Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., was held at at the home of the witness Newton (tr. 178-179). Albertson was present, acting as coordinator for the New York County of the Party, and stated that the Coordinating Committee would replace the old County Council, and that similar Coordinating Committees were being set up in all of the boroughs (tr. 179).

In January 1962 the witness Newton attended a meeting of the coordinators of all of the Communist Party clubs in New York County (tr. 179). Albertson, who was present, stated that the meeting was the first of a series of such meetings that would be called as there were problems to be discussed (tr. 180). The witness Newton was present at meetings of the New York County Communist Party Coordinating Committee in February, April, May and July of 1962, at which Albertson was present. At meetings in February he delivered the main report or brought announcements to the meetings (tr. 180-183). The meeting in May 1962 was at Newton's home as was the meeting

in July (tr. 182, 183). At the May meeting Albertson read a report recommending organizational changes involving the merger of certain areas (tr. 182). About ten days or two weeks after this (May) meeting, there was a meeting of all of the coordinators of all of the Party clubs in two of the areas which Albertson had said were to be merged (tr. 182-183). Albertson outlined the proposed changes and plans for a new Coordinator for the new area (tr. 183). He said there was no need for a vote because this was an organizational change (tr. 183).

During the months of January, February and April of 1962, Albertson was the Coordinator of the New York County Coordinating Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., to the knowledge of the witness Newton (tr. 182).

b. Testimony of Albert Jackson

As a representative from the Harlem Region of the Party, the witness Jackson attended meetings during the period from April to September 1961 of the New York State Communist Party Committee (tr. 232-233). At a meeting in June 1961 Albertson was present and participated in the discussion and postponement of a report that was to have been given by the Harlem Region (tr. 233-234). At the meeting in July 1961 Albertson gave a report on the expulsion of a named individual, stating that factional groups or persons who disagree with the leadership or the policy of the leadership will not be tolerated and will be removed, that unity of the Party was a must (tr. 235-236). At the meeting in August 1961, at which Albertson was present, action was taken by the Committee to remove certain members from their positions because they were part of a factional group but they were allowed to stay on the Committee (tr. 239-240).[12]

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[12] On cross-examination it was developed that anyone present at the State Committee meetings could take part in discussions but only members of the Committee could vote (tr. 265-266). The record is not clear as to whether Albertson actually voted.

Jackson testified to two meetings of the Harlem Regional Committee of the Party at which Albertson was present, one in December 1961, and the other in January 1962 (tr. 242-245). At the December meeting Albertson stated that the Party will not tolerate any factional groups, that the life of the Party was at stake and there is no room in the Party for anyone who disagrees with the decisions that are made by the leadership (tr. 243-244). At the January (1962) meeting Albertson criticized the approach taken by one of the "comrades" toward The Worker (tr. 244-245).[13]

Albertson was present and participated in meetings of the Party Club Chairmen, Harlem area, in January 1962, March 1962, April 1962, and May 1962 (tr. 246-249). At the January meeting Albertson read a report on political activity, unity of the Party, and the need to put more effort in a campaign to raise funds for The Worker (tr. 246-247). At the March meeting Albertson gave a report on the need for the "comrades" to get into mass organizations, preferably political organizations (tr. 247-248). Albertson made proposals at the April meeting of activities to be undertaken designed to serve the cause of the Party by recruiting members while at the same time minimizing attack from right-wing elements (tr. 248). At the May (1962) meeting Albertson reported on the proposed merger of the Washington Heights group and the Harlem group, and he gave the name of the coordinator between leadership and the merged area (tr. 248-249).[14]

In August 1961 the witness Jackson attended a meeting of the Communist Party New York State Board at which Albertson was present and participated in the discussion

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[13] The term "comrade" is used between members of the Communist Party as meaning a member of the organization (tr. 250).

[14] Albertson also discussed this merger at a meeting in the same month of the New York Coordinating Committee (testimony of the witness Newton, *supra*).

(tr. 240-241). The discussion included statements that all club chairmen should go back to their clubs and try to initiate action within mass organizations in support of a third, permanent, political party, the Freedom Party (tr. 240-241).

The witness Jackson had dinner with Albertson in May 1962, at which time Albertson stressed the need for Jackson's Party club to take the initiative in election work in the area since Jackson's club was the central club in Harlem and all work should be geared around it (tr. 249-250). Albertson also told Jackson that he (Albertson) was thinking that Jackson would replace the assistant coordinator between the area and the Party leadership (tr. 250).

c. Testimony of Allen Prince

In early July 1962 the witness Prince attended a Communist Party class at which Albertson lectured on the role of the Communist Party (tr. 110). About a week before the classes, Prince had attended a meeting, at which Albertson was present, of the Communist Party New York District Youth Coordinators (tr. 111).

During the year 1961 the witness Prince attended meetings of the New York State Communist Party Youth Commission (tr. 100). The highest position on the Commission was that of Chairman-coordinator (tr. 100). The position was held in 1961 by Albertson (tr. 100-101). The witness Prince first learned this at a meeting of the Commission when Albertson announced that he would be Chairman-Coordinator of the Commission and that he had been elected Secretary of the New York State Youth Commission of the Communist Party (tr. 101).

In November 1961 there was a reorganization and the Communist Party Youth Coordinators Committee, New York District, was formed in the place of the Youth Com-

mission (tr. 105).[15] The witness Prince attended one meeting of the Coordinators Committee after it was formed; this meeting was held a few weeks following the formation, in late November 1961 (tr. 105-106). Albertson was present and gave the main report on the provisions of the McCarran Act (tr. 106).

Prince, in the preceding month (October 1961) had attended another meeting at which the McCarran Act was the subject of discussion (tr. 106). This was a meeting of the King's County Council of the Communist Party (tr. 107). Albertson stated at the meeting that if the members were arrested they should take the Fifth Amendment, not the First Amendment, and that if they were to receive the registration forms they were to be returned unanswered since the Communist Party had no intention of surrendering the list of its members or any records (tr. 106-107).

Prince was present at an earlier meeting of the King's County Council of the Communist Party that took place in August 1961 (tr. 107-109). At this meeting it was announced that Albertson would serve as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the King's County Council of the Party (tr. 109). Albertson held this position until October 1961 when, at a meeting of the Council at which Albertson was present the chairman of the New York State Communist Party requested that Albertson be released for reassignment (tr. 108-110).

d. Testimony of Lulu Mae Thompson and Ethel Newton

(17th Convention of the Party)

The witness Thompson was a delegate from her Communist Party organization in California to the 17th National

[15] The reorganization was discussed and approved at a Communist Party Youth caucus at which Albertson presided (tr. 102-105). Attendance was not restricted to members of the Communist Party (tr. 228-229; Albertson Exhibit 6).

Convention of the Communist Party that was held in December 1959 in New York City (tr. 40-41). The witness Newton also attended this convention (*supra*). Newton observed the presence of Albertson and heard him read a report (*supra*). The convention adopted certain changes in the Constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (Thompson, tr. 46-47, 282; Newton, tr. 158-159). Under the Constitution, as amended, only members of the Party who had been in good standing for at least five years were eligible for election to the National Committee, and to be eligible for election as a state officer or member of the state committee a member had to be in good standing for at least two years (A.G. Ex. 1, pp. 15 and 10, and A.G. Ex. 2).

At the National Convention, Albertson was one of the people nominated for membership on the National Committee of the Party (Newton, tr. 159-161). Albertson did not decline the nomination or withdraw his name (Newton, tr. 161). Newton testified that on the last day of the convention the election of the National Committee took place (tr. 161). She left the convention before the results were announced (tr. 187-188).[16] At subsequent Party meetings which she attended official reports were made on the events and highlights of the National Convention (tr. 167, 169-171).

The witness Thompson was present at the session of the convention when the results of the election were reported by the elections committee (tr. 59-60). She made notes of the names of the people whom the election committee reported as having been elected and from them prepared a report to the F.B.I. and then the notes were destroyed (tr. 60-69). Thompson stated that at the time she made her report it accurately reflected the results as read by

[16] Since Newton was not present at the National Convention when the elections occurred she does not know whether Albertson was present at that time (tr. 187-188).

the elections committee (tr. 63-64). Thompson had no independent recollection of hearing the name Albertson read by the elections committee and her report did not refresh her recollection (tr. 62-63). Over objection portions of her report to the F.B.I. were made a part of the record (tr. 66-69). This portion of Thompson's report listed Albertson among those elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party (tr. 65).

Conclusions

Taking all the facts together and considered as a whole it is clear that during the period covered by the petition the respondent, William Albertson, by what he has done and said, had the desire and intent to be a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, and there has been meaningful recognition by the Party that it considers him as a member.

Albertson was nominated and elected a member of the National Committee of the Party at the Party National Convention in December 1959. There have been no national conventions held since his election. During 1961 and the first six months of 1962, immediately preceding the hearing herein, Albertson held important positions of leadership in the Party. Among these were: the highest position of the New York State Communist Party Youth Commission; Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the King's County organization of the Communist Party; and Coordinator of the New York County Communist Party.

There were numerous instances of meetings of Communist Party clubs and area organizations which Albertson attended and at which he took an active leadership part, reporting on matters of Communist Party policy and giving instructions from the Party leadership as to programs and activities to be undertaken by the club chairmen and members. Albertson showed a familiarity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Communist Party, and, in May 1962 was an instructor at a Communist Party class

where the subject of his instruction was the role of the Communist Party.

Albertson was shown to have conferred on various occasions with other persons holding leadership positions in the Communist Party with respect to the Party's plans. He has stressed to Party clubs the necessity for maintaining unity within the Party and the need to eliminate all factional groups or individuals.

Petitioner's evidence stands uncontroverted. It is impressive and persuasive that respondent, William Albertson, was at the time of the hearing, and since at least the year 1960 has been, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America. The Board so finds by the preponderance of the evidence. There is in effect, and has been since October 20, 1961, a final order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring the Communist Party, U.S.A., to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act as a Communist-action organization.

The respondent, William Albertson, who has not registered under Section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act is in fact required to register under such section. An appropriate order accompanies this Report of the Board.

By the Board:

/s/ Francis A. Cherry, Member
Francis A. Cherry

/s/ Thomas J. Donegan, Member
Thomas J. Donegan

/s/ James R. Duncan, Member
James R. Duncan

/s/ Edward C. Sweeney, Member
Edward C. Sweeney

, Vacancy

October 29, 1962
Washington, D. C.

Registration Order

(Filed October 29, 1962)

The Board, after appropriate hearing, having this day issued a report in writing in which it states its findings as to the facts and its conclusion that the respondent, William Albertson, is required to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act, it is

ORDERED, that the respondent, William Albertson, shall register under and pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this REGISTRATION ORDER be served upon the respondent, William Albertson.

By the Board:

/s/ FRANCIS A. CHERRY, Member
Francis A. Cherry

/s/ THOMAS J. DONEGAN, Member
Thomas J. Donegan

/s/ JAMES R. DUNCAN, Member
James R. Duncan

/s/ EDWARD C. SWEENEY, Member
Edward C. Sweeney

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October 29, 1962
Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 17,492

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, *Petitioner,*

v.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD, *Respondent*

Petition for Review

(Filed Dec. 26, 1962)

William Albertson, by his attorneys, petitions the Court to review and set aside the order of the Subversive Activities Control Board (hereafter called the Board) issued October 29, 1962, in the proceeding before the Board entitled Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General of the United States, Petitioner v. William Albertson, Respondent, Docket No. I-1-62.

NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The order involved herein was issued under section 13(g)(2) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 (hereafter called the Act), 50 U.S. Code § 792(g)(2). It requires the petitioner herein to register under section 8(a) and (c) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 787(a) and (c), "as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization." The order was issued after proceedings before the Board initiated under section 13(a) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 792(a), by a petition of the Attorney General alleging that the petitioner was a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America and that neither he nor that organization had registered under the Act.

Jurisdiction and Venue

Jurisdiction and venue exist in this Court by virtue of section 14(a) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 793(a), which so far as is pertinent provides:

> "The party aggrieved by any order entered by the Board under subsections (g), (h), (i), or (j) of section 13, . . . may obtain a review of such order by filing in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, within sixty days from the date of service upon it of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Board be set aside."

Grounds for Relief

1. Sections 8 and 13 of the Act, on their face and as applied, are unconstitutional. They violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, which petitioner hereby asserts, and the First Amendment, and deny petitioner due process of law and trial by jury, as required by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments and Art. III, § 2, cl. 3, and constitute a bill of attainder.

2. The findings and order of the Board are based on erroneous constructions of the Act.

3. The findings and order of the Board are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

4. The findings and order of the Board are based on irrelevant evidence.

5. The Report of the Board fails to define adequately the grounds and reasoning of the order.

6. The Board erred in holding that petitioner was bound by the Board's prior determination that the Communist Party was a Communist-action organization.

RELIEF PRAYED

Wherefore, petitioner prays that the Court set aside the aforesaid order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Docket No. I-10-62

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General of the United States,
Petitioner,

v.

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, *Respondent.*

On Petition for an Order to Require Roscoe Quincy Proctor to Register and to File a Registration Statement With the Attorney General as Required by Section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as Amended, Purusant to Section 13(a)

(Filed May 31, 1962)

The Attorney General respectfully represents to the Subversive Activities Control Board that there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the Communist Party or the organization, to register under Section 7(a) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the Act) as a Communist-action organization; that such order became final on October 20, 1961; that pursuant to Section 13(k) of the Act such order was published in the Federal Register on October 21, 1961; that more than sixty days have elapsed since such order became final; that such organization has not registered with the Attorney General nor has it filed a registration statement under Section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and that no officer thereof has registered for and on behalf of such organization or filed a registration statement for and on behalf of such organization as required by Section 7(h) of the Act and by the Attorney General's Regulations, 28 C.F.R., Section 11.205.

The Attorney General further respectfully represents to the Board that the respondent, a natural person, was at all times mentioned herein and continues to be, a member

of the Communist Party of the United States of Ameria, a Communist-action organization, and as such was required under Section 8(a) and (c) of the Act to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General on or before December 20, 1961, and that respondent has failed to do so and continues to fail to do so.

In support of this petition, the Attorney General alleges the following facts, based upon information and belief, relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, to wit:

I

During the months of January, February, and March, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent attended meetings of the Communist Party, the attendance at which was restricted to Communist Party members.

II

At the last National Convention of the Communist Party, in December, 1959, the respondent was elected a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. In March, 1962, and in the two year period immediately prior thereto, he served as a member of the District Committee of the Northern District of California.

III

During the months of January, February, and March, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent discussed and imparted information regarding Communist Party policies and activities with members of the organization.

IV

During the months of January, February, and April, 1962, and on divers occasions prior thereto, the respondent was called upon for service in behalf of the Communist Party by members and officers of the organization.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that the Board enter an order against the respondent requiring him to register and to file a registration statement with the Attorney General as a member of a Communist-action organization in the manner required by the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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CITY OF WASHINGTON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA } ss:

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the petitioner above named; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY
Robert F. Kennedy

Sworn to before me this
31st day of May, 1962

EVELYN G. DODD
Notary Public, D. C.

My Commission expires June 14, 1963.

Answer

(Filed June 25, 1962)

The respondent, answering the petition:

1. States that sections 8 and 13 of the Subversive Activities Control Act, on their face and as sought to be applied in this proceeding are unconstitutional in that they violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, which respondent hereby asserts, and the First Amendment, and deny respondent due process of law and trial by jury as required by the Fifth and Sixth Amendments and Art. III, sec. 2, cl. 3, and constitute a bill of attainder.

2. States that the petition fails to allege facts warranting issuance of the order prayed for.

3. Denies the allegation that the Communist Party of the United States of America is a Communist-action organization.

4. In reliance upon the privilege against self-incrimination, refuses to answer the allegation that respondent was and continue to be a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America and the allegations of paragraphs I to IV, inclusive, of the petition.

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA } ss:

Roscoe Quincy Proctor, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the respondent above named and has read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to the best of respondent's knowledge and belief.

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 1962.

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Recommended Decision

(Filed Dec. 31, 1962)

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This is a proceeding on petition of the Attorney General, filed May 31, 1962, for an order of the Board requiring the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, to register and file a registration statement with the Attorney General as required of members of a Communist-action organization by section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended.[1] Pertinent parts of the Act are set forth in Appendix "A" attached and made a part hereof.

The petition alleged that Proctor was at the time of filing of the petition and at least since 1959 had been a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America;[2] that on October 20, 1961, an order of this Board became final requiring said Communist Party to register under section 7 of the Act as a Communist-action organization; and, that by reason of the failure of the Communist Party or any officer thereof to register and file a registration statement as prescribed in the Act, it became the duty of Proctor himself to register which he failed to do and continues to fail to do. In support of the petition, the Attorney General set forth, in paragraphs numbered "I" through "IV", allegations of facts relating to the membership of respondent in the Communist Party, includ-

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[1] At the time of filing the instant petition, the Attorney General also filed similar petitions against nine other individuals. Each of the nine individuals was represented by the same counsel, attorneys John J. Abt and Joseph Forer, who represented the respondent in this proceeding. Virtually identical answers were filed by each respondent. Ann Fagan Ginger and Richard Bancroft also entered their appearances on behalf of the instant respondent at the hearing of evidence herein (tr. 32).

[2] For convenience the Communist Party of the United States of America will sometimes be referred to herein as "the Communist Party" or "the Party."

ing his attendance at meetings restricted to members of the Party, his election to membership on the National Committee of the Party, his serving as a member of the District Committee of the Northern District of California of the Communist Party, his discussions of Communist Party policy with other members of the Party, and his being called upon for service in behalf of the Communist Party.

Respondent, on June 25, 1962, filed an answer to the petition attacking the constitutionality of sections 8 and 13 of the Act; stating that the petition fails to allege facts warranting issuance of the order prayed for; denying the allegation that the Communist Party of the United States of America is a Communist-action organization; and relying upon the privilege against self-incrimination in refusing to answer the allegation that respondent was and continues to be a member of the Communist Party and the allegations of paragraph I to IV, inclusive, of the petition.

Pursuant to Rule 201.7(a) revised, of the Board's Rules of Procedure, the reliance in respondent's answer to the petition upon the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination operates as a denial for purposes of the Board proceeding.

A consolidated prehearing conference was held by the Board on July 2, 1962, in six other similar cases. Two of the attorneys for the present respondent also served as counsel for the respondents in the other cases. At the conference, counsel for respondent requested that the hearing herein not begin until a later date, and that it be held in California (tr. 25-29; Order of the Board dated September 28, 1962). Counsel for petitioner had no objections (tr. 27-28). It was agreed that there was no need for a prehearing conference in this proceeding since the principal areas had been covered in the aforesaid conference (tr. 28-29). Accordingly, the transcript of the prehearing conference of July 2, 1962, will be made a part of the record in this

proceeding, constituting transcript pages 1 through 30. The hearing herein was held on November 19, 1962, in San Francisco, California, before the undersigned Member of the Board.

Counsel for petitioner presented the oral testimony of two witnesses and two exhibits (Attorney General's Exhibits 1 and 2). No witnesses were presented on behalf of respondent, nor were any exhibits identified or offered (tr. 107). Counsel for petitioner made a brief closing argument (tr. 107-108). Counsel for respondent made no closing argument stating that the record speaks for itself (tr. 108).

Petitioner, on November 26, 1962, filed and served proposed findings of fact consisting of forty-two numbered paragraphs. Respondent's proposed findings of fact, filed on December 3, 1962, were as follows in proposing the conclusion that the petition should be denied:

> 1. The petitioner has offered no evidence in support of the allegation in the petition that the Communist party of the United States is a Communist-action organization.
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> 2. The evidence introduced by petitioner, even if fully credited, would not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent is a member of the Communist Party of the United States within the meaning of the term "member" in the Subversive Activities Control Act.

The proposed findings submitted by both sides have been considered in making findings and conclusions herein.

The witnesses who gave oral testimony on behalf of petitioner were as follows:

Mrs. Lulu Mae Thompson, a housewife of Lathrop, California, joined the Communist Party in June of 1953 and ceased membership on March 30, 1962 (tr. 46, 70-71, 77).

While a member of the Communist Party she was secretary-treasurer of the Communist Party's San Joaquin County Club, chairman of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Party, member of the Party District Committee of Northern California, and a delegate to the 17th National Convention of the Party (tr. 46). During her membership in the Communist Party, Mrs. Thompson reported its activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (tr. 46).

Howard Thompson, of Lathrop, California, and husband of Lulu Mae Thompson, joined the Communist Party in March 1948, was suspended from membership from May 1951 to October 1952 and ceased attending Party meetings in March 1962 (tr. 65, 80, 93-96, 106). While a member of the Communist Party, he was elected a delegate to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section in 1957 (tr. 81). In 1958 he was elected chairman of the San Joaquin County Club, and was later elected a delegate to the Agricultural Workers Commission of the Party (tr. 81). During his membership in the Party, he reported its activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (tr. 80-81).

Petitioner's witnesses Lulu Mae Thompson and her husband, Howard Thompson, were paid informants for the Federal Bureau of Investigation during and after their respective membership in the Communist Party. (E.g. tr. 46, 64, 77-78, 80-81, 99). In addition, Lulu Mae Thompson was paid for reporting activities prior to her joining of the Party (tr. 66, 77, 94, 99). While reporting to the F.B.I. on the activities of the Party, the Thompsons received money from the F.B.I. for both services and expenses.[3]

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[3] The witness Lulu Mae Thompson received around $25.00 a month when she first started reporting and this was increased to $50.00, then to $75.00 (tr. 66-67, 77). Since her cessation of Party membership in March 1962, the witness received $130.00 per month for some months and at the time of this hearing was receiving $100.00 per month (tr. 77). Witness Howard Thompson received $25.00 a month when he first began reporting in 1948 (tr. 99). During his fourteen years of reporting to the F.B.I. the witness Howard Thompson received total payments of approximately $20,000.00 (tr. 80, 94, 99).

Full opportunity for cross-examination of these witnesses was afforded and pertinent copies of their prior reports to the F.B.I. were delivered to counsel for respondent for use in cross-examination. The cross-examination was directed mainly to items, such as money received from the F.B.I., going to possible interest of the witnesses.

There was no rebuttal of any of the testimony given by petitioner's witnesses and their testimony was mutually consistent and corroborative. Respondent's proposed findings did not raise specific matters going to the credibility of either of the witnesses. The Hearing Member, having observed the witnesses and considered the entire record, credits each of them.

Production of Reports of Petitioner's Witnesses

At the conclusion of the direct examination of petitioner's witnesses Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard Thompson, there were delivered directly to counsel for respondent by counsel for petitioner the receipts that each witness had signed for money received from the F.B.I., and the prior written reports made by each witness to the F.B.I. which counsel for petitioner considered to be statements within the purview of Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3500.[4] At the same time there were delivered to the Hearing Member for *in camera* examination other documents representing information furnished to the F.B.I. by each witness. These documents were in two categories: (a) reports prepared by the witness, which petitioner's counsel conceded to be statements but considered not to contain any material which related to the subject matter of the witness' testimony, and (b) reports prepared by agents of the F.B.I. following oral interviews with the witness, which petitioner's counsel considered not to contain related matter within Title 18 U.S.C. Sec. 3500. (Sec. tr. 61, 87-88.)

[4] Lists of reports turned over directly to counsel for respondent as to Lulu Mae Thompson appear at transcript pages 63-64; and those as to Howard Thompson at transcript pages 88-89.

These documents, numbering in the many hundreds, were examined by the Hearing Member *in camera*. One of the documents of the witness Lulu Mae Thompson was determined to relate to the subject matter of her testimony, and this was delivered to respondent's counsel (tr. 90). None of the other documents of either witness were determined to contain material relating to the subject matter of the witness's testimony (tr. 90). It was therefore unnecessary with respect to the category of documents in the form of memoranda prepared by agents of the F.B.I. on oral information furnished by the witnesses to determine whether the agents' memoranda qualified as statements of the witnesses under Title 18 U.S.C. § 3500 (tr. 90).

In addition to the above categories of documents, counsel for petitioner delivered to the Hearing Member one document common to the witnesses Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard Thompson, and one document of the witness Lulu Mae Thompson, from each of which excisions of unrelated portions were requested (tr. 61-62; 91-92). Appropriate excisions were made by the Hearing Member and the documents thereupon turned over to counsel for respondent (tr. 64, 91).

Counsel for respondent noted an objection to the Hearing Member's rulings with respect to the witnesses' documents (tr. 91). The objections were thereupon made Board exhibits, sealed, as follows: the Lulu Mae Thompson documents, "Proctor case—Board Exhibit 1—Lulu Mae Thompson"; and the Howard Thompson documents, "Proctor case—Board Exhibit 2—Howard Thompson" (tr. 90-91).

The Issues

The primary issue in this proceeding is whether the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, is (or at the times mentioned in the petition, was) a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America. Another issue, raised by counsel for respondent, is whether the Commu-

nist Party of the United States is a Communist-action organization. (See Respondent's Proposed Finding No. 1.)

With respect to the matter of the Communist Party, counsel for petitioner, during the hearing, requested the Hearing Member to take official notice for the purpose of this proceeding of an order which the Board entered and of subsequent proceedings in the matter of the Communist Party of the United States of America (tr. 34-35). Counsel for respondent objected to such official notice on the grounds that respondent Proctor was not a party to the proceedings involving the Communist Party and was not bound by those proceedings and hence they are not competent with respect to him in this proceedings (tr. 36).

Upon consideration of an identical request for official notice in the Albertson case where similar objections were made, the unanimous Board stated as follows (Attorney General v. Albertson, Report and Order of the Board, dated October 29, 1962, pp. 7-8):

> The clear intent of the Act is that once an order of this Board has become "final" requiring an organization to register as a Communist-action organization, the issue whether the organization is of such type is not to be relitigated in subsequent proceedings for the registration of a member of the organization. The Act provides for the registration of any member of an organization concerning which "there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register under section 7(a) of this title as a Communist-action organization." (Section 8(a).) Thus an "issue" in a proceeding for the registration of an individual member is whether there is in effect a final order requiring the registration of the organization to which the individual is alleged to belong.[8] Counsel for respondent did not, and could not dispute the fact that

[8] The Act provides full opportunity for an organization that has been determined to be a Communist-action organization to obtain subsequent relief from the registration requirements by proper showing that it is not then a Communist-action organization. Section 13(b) and (i)(1).

there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party, U. S. A., to register as a Communist-action organization. (See the facts set forth below under the subheading "Official Notice.")

It would be a plainly unreasonable application of the Act to require that in a proceeding involving an individual, if shown to be a member of the Party and thus fairly represented in the Party proceeding, the status of the Party must nonetheless be relitigated.[9] To do so would frustrate the purpose of the Act to obtain disclosure of the members of a Communist-action organization.

[9] The Board, in the proceeding involving the Communist Party, on the basis of a record comprising over 14,000 pages of oral testimony and hundreds of exhibits, in which the Party was represented by competent counsel, determined the Party to be a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act.

Findings of Fact

1. Official Notice

Respondent's objection to the taking of official notice was overruled and pursuant to Board precedent in the Albertson case, official notice is taken of the following, which are hereby deemed to be facts for the purposes of this proceeding. (See tr. 36-40.) No evidence was offered by respondent to rebut these facts:

1. The Subversive Activities Control Board on April 20, 1953, entered an order requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950;

2. The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on July 30, 1959, entered its judgment in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board, which affirmed the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization;

3. The Supreme Court of the United States on October 10, 1961, entered its mandate which affirmed the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which judgment had been entered by the said United States Court of Appeals on July 30, 1959, in Communist Party of the United States v. Subversive Activities Control Board;

4. More than ten (10) days have elapsed since the Supreme Court entered its mandate on October 10, 1961, in Communist Party of the United States of America v. Subversive Activities Control Board, No. 12, October Term, 1960;

5. There was published in the Federal Register for October 21, 1961, Volume 26, No. 204, at page 9923, a notice by the Subversive Activities Control Board of the fact that the order of the Board requiring the Communist Party of the United States of America to register as a Communist-action organization under section 7 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 became final on the 20th day of October 1961; and

6. More than sixty (60) days have elapsed since October 20, 1961.

It was stipulated by counsel and the Hearing Member finds: that the Communist Party of the United States of America has not registered with the Attorney General nor filed a registration statement pursuant to section 7 of the Act; that no officer of the Communist Party nor any authorized representative of the Party has registered for and on behalf of the organization pursuant to section 7(h) of the Act; and, that the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, has not registered or filed a registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Act (tr. 33-34, 36).

2. Evidence of Party Membership of Respondent

Petitioner's witnesses Lulu Mae Thompson and Howard Thompson identified the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, by pointing him out as present in the hearing room, seated at counsel table (tr. 47, 81, 72-73). The Thompsons testified to meetings of specific, constituent, organizational parts of the Communist Party of the United States of America which the witnesses attended and at which Proctor was among those present and participated. Proctor did not take the stand to deny or explain the evidence furnished by petitioner's witnesses and no witnesses were presented by respondent to rebut or contradict that evidence. Findings based upon the testimony of these witnesses will now be made.

a. Testimony of Lulu Mae Thompson

In November 1959, the witness Lulu Mae Thompson attended the first session of the Convention of the Communist Party of Northern California held in Oakland, California (tr. 47).[5] There were discussions of various topics in preparation for the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party and the election of delegates to the National Convention took place (tr. 47). The respondent Proctor and the witness Lulu Mae Thompson were among those elected delegates to the National Convention (tr. 48).

The witness attended all sessions of the National Convention of the Party held in December 1959 in New York City (tr. 48). Proctor was present at the sessions of the National Convention (tr. 48). He represented the Northern California delegation on the Negro Commission and was also appointed as one of a committee of three to visit William Z. Foster, the chairman emeritus of the Communist Party, who was unable to attend the convention because of illness (tr. 48).

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[5] The respondent Proctor was present at this and at all subsequent meetings testified to by the witness Lulu Mae Thompson.

During the convention the respondent and the witness attended a caucus of the Northern California delegation which had been called for the purpose of selecting nominees to represent Northern California on the National Committee (tr. 48-49). Proctor was nominated and accepted the nomination (tr. 49).

The National Convention adopted certain recommended changes in the Constitution of the Communist Party, U. S. A. (tr. 51-52). Under the Constitution, as amended, only members of the Party who had been in good standing for at least five years were eligible for election to the National Committee, and to be eligible for election as a State officer or member of the State Committee a member had to be in good standing for at least two years (A.G. Ex. 1, pp. 10 and 15, and A.G. Ex. 2). The witness is without knowledge of any changes in the Constitution from December 1959 until March 1962 when she left the Party (tr. 52-53).

During the last session of the National Convention, election of National Committee members was held (tr. 49). The chairman of each delegation went to the rostum where he received the ballots from the Elections Committee. He then returned to his delegation and distributed the ballots. After the delegates marked them, the delegation chairman collected them and returned them to the Elections Committee which retired from the room to count them. The Elections Committee later returned and announced the results of the election (tr. 49). The witness recalled the name of Roscoe Proctor being read as one of those elected to the National Committee of the Party (tr. 49-50).

Following the announcement of the Elections Committee, the convention itself was adjourned, and the delegates who had not been elected to the National Committee retired from the convention hall (tr. 50). The newly elected National Committee then went into session (tr. 50). Later, Proctor and another member of the National Committee

from Northern California, went to Mrs. Thompson's room and reported the results of the meeting of the new National Committee, including the names of those elected national officers (tr. 50). To the witness' knowledge, there has been no National Convention of the Communist Party from December 1959 until she left the Party in March 1962 (tr. 50).

In February 1960, the witness attended the second session of the Northern California District Convention of the Communist Party held in Oakland, California, at which there were reports on the National Convention as well as reports from several of the Commissions (tr. 53-54). At this District Convention, elections were held as a result of which Proctor was elected, and the witness Lulu Mae Thompson reelected, to membership on the Northern California District Committee of the Party (tr. 54).

In February 1961, the respondent and the witness were present at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California held in San Francisco (tr. 54-55). At this meeting Proctor reported on his attendance at a Communist Party school which he had attended in New York City (tr. 55). Among the many subjects he had studied while there were historical materialism, the class struggle, and "the 81 party conference statement." (Tr. 55.) It was announced at this meeting that Proctor had been given responsibility for the peace work of the outlying counties of the Communist Party in Northern California (tr. 55).

At an April 1961 meeting of the District Committee of the Party held in San Francisco, Proctor reported to the committee on the recent San Francisco peace demonstrations, saying they had been among the largest in the nation and had had youth and Negro participants (tr. 55-56).

A Communist Party Northern California District Committee meeting was held at the home of the chairman of the Northern California District in August 1961 (tr. 54,

56). Proctor reported on the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (tr. 56). According to Proctor the present purpose of the Committee is to disseminate propaganda, but in the event arrests were made in the Party, it would become a defense committee (tr. 56). The chairman of the Party's Northern California District asked Proctor to take the chairman's place while he was on vacation (tr. 54, 56).

The Party's District Committee of Northern California met in September 1961 in San Francisco (tr. 56-57). Proctor again reported on the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (tr. 57). He stated that the Citizens Committee had representation of Party and non-Party people, and that the District Board of the Communist Party of Northern California was to meet and establish policies for the Communist Party members working in this committee (tr. 57).

In January 1962, the representatives of the outlying counties of the Communist Party of Northern California met at Proctor's home in Berkeley (tr. 57-58). The chairman of the Party's Northern California District announced that Proctor had been assigned "to ride herd" on the People's World fund campaign then in progress (tr. 54, 58). Proctor's report to the meeting included his recommendation that all Communists review Gus Hall's article in the August issue of Political Affairs (tr. 58). Proctor announced that Hall would be in the San Francisco Bay area later in January, and that many meetings were being arranged for him (tr. 58).

Proctor's home was the location for another meeting of representatives of the outlying counties of the Communist Party of Northern California in February 1962 (tr. 58). In his report on the visit of Gus Hall to the area, Proctor stated that Hall had addressed a meeting of all of the national leaders of the Party on the Pacific Coast and had recommended that the Party on the Pacific Coast hire a

youth director to work with youth along Communist Party lines (tr. 59).

In March 1962, the witness attended still another meeting of the representatives of the outlying counties of the Communist Party of Northern California (tr. 59). This, too, was held at Proctor's home (tr. 59). Proctor reported on weekly meetings of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (tr. 59). He also stated that he had attended a meeting of the national leaders in Detroit on the previous weekend (tr. 60).

b. Testimony of Howard Thompson

In February 1961, the witness and Proctor, along with other "comrades," drove together and attended a meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Section of the Communist Party of Northern California (tr. 86).

In March 1961, and in the latter part of June 1961, the witness attended meetings of the District Committee[6] of the Communist Party of Northern California held in San Francisco at which respondent was present (tr. 82, 86).[7] At a meeting of the same District Committee in August 1961, Proctor gave a report on the organization of a citizens committee to resist the Supreme Court decision and which was later to become a defense committee (tr. 83). The District Committee assigned themselves a quota of $3500 to finance the citizens committee (tr. 83). It was also announced at this meeting that Proctor would be in charge of the District Board of the Communist Party of Northern California during Micky Lima's absence on vacation (tr. 83). The District Committee voted to concur with the

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[6] The witness was not a member of the District Committee but attended District Committee meetings as an observer (tr. 92-93). The witness did not attend the March 1961 meeting in full (tr. 93).

[7] Respondent was present at this and at all meetings to which the witness Howard Thompson testified to herein.

actions of the National Committee in delegating power to the National Executive Committee (tr. 83).

At a Communist Party meeting of the District Committee members from the outlying counties, held at Proctor's home in February 1962, the respondent reported that Gus Hall had been in the area, had given reports on the expulsions in New York, and had suggested that a full-time person be delegated for youth work (tr. 84-85). Proctor further reported that the National Committee members of the West Coast had held a meeting, and that the Party would carry on its work to organize the committees to combat the effects of the Supreme Court decision (tr. 84-85).

Conclusions

The facts show that the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, was duly nominated and elected a member of the high ranking National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America, and thereafter participated in the meetings of the committee. He was also elected, in February 1960, a member of the Northern California District Committee of the Party, and was shown to have been serving as such in February of 1962, a few months before the Attorney General filed his petition instituting this proceeding. Under the Communist Party's Constitution, eligibility for these positions required membership in good standing in the Party for five years for the National Committee and two years for the District Committee.

Proctor was given responsibility for certain work of the Party in Northern California and thereafter reported to Party groups on the progress of the work. In February 1961, Proctor reported to the District Committee of the Party in Northern California on a Communist Party school he had attended in New York City, It was shown that on three occasions in the year 1962, representatives from vari-

ous Party localities met with Proctor at his home to conduct Party business. At one of these meetings Proctor stated that he had recently attended a meeting of the national leaders in Detroit. At a meeting of the Northern California District Committee of the Party in August 1961, it was announced that Proctor would be in charge of the District Board while the chairman was on vacation.

The facts that have been found herein, some of which are summarized above, were established by uncontroverted evidence presented by two witnesses one or both of whom were present as members of the Communist Party at the meetings in which Proctor participated. The witness Lulu Mae Thompson was a member at the same time as Proctor of the Northern California District Committee of the Party.

The evidence of record clearly establishes that the respondent, Proctor, by both his words and actions, had and continues to have the desire and intent to be a member of the Communist Party, and that the Party has and continues to recognize and consider him to be a member. It is found and determined that the evidence preponderates to establish that Proctor is, and since at least the close of the year 1959 has been, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America.

There is in effect, and has been since October 20, 1961, a final order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring the Communist Party, U. S. A., to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act as a Communist-action organization. The respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, who has not registered under section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act, is in fact required to register under such section.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board issue an appropriate order requiring the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, to register under and pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization.

(signed) FRANCIS A. CHERRY
Francis A. Cherry
Hearing Member

December 31, 1962
Washington, D. C.

Report of the Board

(Filed Jan. 18, 1963)

The Hearing Member, by Recommended Decision issued December 31, 1962, recommended, on the basis of detailed findings of fact, that the Board issue an order requiring respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, to register under and pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization.

Exceptions to the Recommended Decision were filed on January 9, 1963, on behalf of respondent. Neither party requested oral argument and such argument is unnecessary.

Respondent's exception 1 renews, and thereby preserves, objection to the entry of a registration order on the ground that the entry of such an order would violate certain rights and privileges under the Constitution of the United States. The Board, as an agency created by Congress, does not pass on the constitutionality of the Act under which the Board functions. Under section 14 of the Act, respondent has the right to judicial review of a registration order and

in that review may obtain determination by the courts of the contentions as to the constitutionality of the Act.

By exception 2 respondent attacks, in general, the sufficiency of the evidence to establish that respondent is a member of the Communist Party within the meaning of the Subversive Activities Control Act. It is argued that the evidence was "irrelevant, remote, immaterial and incompetent." Exception 6 attacks the crediting of petitioner's witnesses, and asserts that their testimony was obtained and admitted in violation of the First and Fourth Amendments.

The subsidiary facts from which the Hearing Member arrived at the finding of membership of respondent in the Communist Party were not controverted and, except for the broad, overall assertions in respondent's exceptions, are not disputed. These facts, which are set forth in detail at pages 9 to 14 of the Recommended Decision, and are summarized at pages 14 and 15 were based upon the personal knowledge and experiences of the witnesses. Unless the testimony of the witnesses is to be completely disregarded, the evidence shows respondent's election to official positions in the Communist Party, his admission to and participation in the councils of the organization, and his having been assigned duties and responsibilities in connection with the work of the Communist Party. These facts are strong and convincing evidence of membership. They clearly establish a mutual agreement and intention on the part of the Party and the respondent that respondent is and has been a member. The assertions that the facts are irrelevant, immaterial and incompetent are rejected.

The Board has reviewed and considered the direct and cross-examination of petitioner's witnesses upon respondent's assertion "that none of them was worthy of credence." The exception does not say why it is asserted that the witnesses should not be credited. The Hearing Member observed the witnesses and accepted them. Each was

an informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and acting as such during the periods of membership in the Communist Party about which the testimony was given. As pointed out by the Hearing Member, the testimony was mutually consistent. There was full opportunity for cross-examination of the witnesses and full opportunity was also afforded for the presentation of rebuttal testimony. The Board does not find any basis in the record for respondent's blanket attack upon the credibility of the witnesses. The fact that the witnesses testified to the operations and activities which they were paid to observe does not render their testimony inadmissible under the First and Fourth Amendments.

Respondent's exception 3 raises the question as to the time membership must be found, and the grounds and reasons therefor. The Hearing Member in his Recommended Decision concluded that respondent "is, and since at least the close of the year 1959 has been, a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America." (Recommended Decision, page 15.) Consideration of the record as a whole fully supports this finding. The evidence shows a continuing recognition by the Party of respondent as a member from a time prior to his nomination and election to the National Committee in December of 1959 up to at least a few months before the Attorney General's petition was filed. The record also gives many facts evidencing respondent's intention to be a member continuously throughout these years, such as meetings he held at his home to discuss Party business with other members of the Party, and his steady attendance at meetings of Party organizational components. While no one fact standing alone establishes membership at a particular time, the composite of the facts convinces the Board that respondent is and has been a member of the Communist Party.

Respondent's exceptions 4 and 5, regarding the treating of the Communist Party of the United States of America as

a Communist-action organization and the taking of official notice of certain facts with respect to the Board's order requiring registration of the Communist Party pursuant to the provisions of the Act, are rejected. The reasons are set forth in the Report and Order of the Board in Attorney General, Petitioner v. William Albertson, Respondent, Board Docket No. I-1-62, and are quoted at pages 7 and 8 of the Recommended Decision herein.

Respondent, in exception 7, contends that all of the reports made by petitioner's witnesses to the F.B.I. should have been produced to the respondent, and that excisions should not have been made from any of the reports which were produced. The Board has itself examined all of the documents. The Board is satisfied that there were turned over to respondent all of the documents which related to the subject matters about which the witnesses testified. (See Recommended Decision, pages 5 and 6.) The few excisions were of clearly unrelated matter and were proper. Since all reports containing information relating to the testimony given by the witnesses were in fact produced and since respondent is not entitled to conduct a fishing expedition through unrelated, irrelevant documents, the exception is without merit.

Respondent's exception 8 is as follow:

> Respondent excepts to the failure to find that all the alleged activities of respondent testified to were constitutionally protected, relating solely to discussion of problems of Negroes (Tr. 48, 54), youth (Tr. 59-85), peace (Tr. 55-56), constitutional liberties (Tr. 56, 57, 59, 83), agricultural workers (Tr. 81), speakers (Tr. 58, 84), and customary organizational activities (elections, Tr. 49-51; fund raising, Tr. 83; literature, Tr. 58).

The basic facts testified to in this proceeding were Proctor's election to certain official positions in the Communist Party and numerous meetings at which the wit-

nesses stated he was present and participated and which were described as Communist Party meetings. Among the activities of Proctor at Communist Party meetings were reporting on matters in which the Party had an interest or connection. The "activities" were admissible to show the nature of the meetings and Proctor's familiarity with and participation in the business of the Communist Party.[1] Determination whether the matters of Party business in which Proctor was shown to have been active were "constitutionally protected" is not an issue in this proceeding. Proctor's activities are merely relevant items of evidence in determining whether he is a member of the Communist Party. Membership is the fact to be determined. Assuming arguendo that the evidence of membership consists of constitutionally protected conduct, this does not make the evidence inadmissible to establish membership.

Respondent's exception 9 is to the effect that the two witnesses, Lulu Mae and Howard Thompson, cannot be said to have been present at meetings of the Communist Party as members because they "were present as paid spies and were not members within the meaning of the Communist Party Constitution of 1957, as amended in 1959."[2] The testimony of the witnesses that they were members of the Party and their testimony showing that

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[1] For instance, during Proctor's presence at a meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Northern California it was announced that he had been given responsibility for the Party's "peace work" of the outlying counties (tr. 55; Recommended Decision, page 11). He was shown to have reported to subsequent meetings of the District Committee on a peace demonstration and on the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (tr. 55-56; Recommended Decision, page 12). At another District Committee meeting where he reported on the Citizens Committee he stated that the District Board of the Party was to meet and establish policies for the Party members working in this committee (tr. 57; Recommended Decision, page 12).

[2] The reliance on the Communist Party Constitution, although not supported by any record citation, is taken as referring to Attorney General's Exhibits 1 and 2 which constitute the constitution as amended at the 1959 National Convention of the Party, and are the only evidence of record giving the provisions of the Constitution.

Upon consideration of the record, the Recommended Decision, and the exceptions thereto, the Board finds that the Recommended Decision should be and the same is hereby adopted as the findings and conclusions of the Board.

The Board finds and determines from the preponderance of the evidence that the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, is a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization. There is in effect and has been since October 20, 1961, a final order of the Board requiring the Communist Party to register under section 7(a) of the Act as a Communist-action organization, more than thirty days have elapsed since such order became final, and such organization is not registered. The respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, who has not registered or filed a registration statement with the Attorney General pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Act is in fact required to do so.

Accordingly, an order requiring the respondent to register under section 8 of the Act accompanies this Report of the Board.

By the Board:

(signed) FRANCIS A. CHERRY, *Member*
Francis A. Cherry

(signed) THOMAS J. DONEGAN, *Member*
Thomas J. Donegan

(signed) JAMES R. DUNCAN, *Member*
James R. Duncan

(signed) EDWARD C. SWEENEY, *Member*
Edward C. Sweeney

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January 18, 1963
Washington, D. C.

they were accepted as members by the Party was not controverted.[3] There was no evidence that they had been expelled under the provisions of the Party constitution. The cases are numerous in which the courts have accepted person acting as informants for the F.B.I. during their membership in the Communist Party.

In number 10, respondent excepts to the failure to find the total payments of approximately $17,956 to the witness Lulu Mae Thompson. The Hearing Member considered the fact that the witness was paid for reporting activities prior to her joining the Communist Party and during and after her membership (Recommended Decision, page 4). Increases in monthly payments which she received were noted by the Hearing Member. The witness was asked on cross-examination if she had received $17,956.65 in expenses for her services from the F.B.I. over the period from early 1951 to the present, and the witness replied that, "it is possible" (tr. 64-70). The record is inconclusive on the exact total of the payments. The testimony as to the possibility of the total is noted. The exception is without merit.

Respondent's final exception ,number 11, is to the statement adopted by the Hearing Member that the purpose of the Act is to obtain disclosure of the members of a Communist-action organization. Respondent states that, "the terms, legislative history and litigation under the Act make it clear that the Act's purpose is to harass members of the Communist Party and other organizations in disfavor with the government and to interfere with their constitutionally-protected activities." Suffice it to say that respondent's malediction of the Congressional purpose is unwarranted from the very "terms, legislative history and litigation" relied upon. The exception is rejected.

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[3] During an early period of his membership in the Party, the witness Howard Thompson was suspended but thereafter fully accepted as an active member (tr. 81, 80, 94).

Registration Order

(Filed Jan. 18, 1963)

The Board, after appropriate hearing, having this day issued a report in writing in which it states its findings as to the facts and its conclusion that the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, is required to register under the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act, it is

ORDERED that the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor, shall register under and pursuant to section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, as amended, as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this REGISTRATION ORDER be served upon the respondent, Roscoe Quincy Proctor.

By the Board:

(signed) FRANCIS A. CHERRY, *Member*
Francis A. Cherry

(signed) THOMAS J. DONEGAN, *Member*
Thomas J. Donegan

(signed) JAMES R. DUNCAN, *Member*
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No. 17,623

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, *Petitioner*,

v.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD, *Respondent*

Petition for Review

(Filed Feb. 14, 1963)

Roscoe Quincy Proctor, by his attorneys, petitions the Court to review and set aside the order of the Subversive Activities Control Board (hereafter called the Board) issued January 18, 1963, in the proceeding before the Board entitled Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General of the United States, Petitioner v. Roscoe Quincy Proctor, Respondent, Docket No. I-10-62.

NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The order involved herein was issued under section 13(g)(2) of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 (hereafter called the Act), 50 U.S. Code § 792(g)(2). It requires the petitioner herein to register under section 8(a) and (c) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 787(a) and (c), "as a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization." The order was issued after proceedings before the Board initiated under section 13(a) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 792(a), by a petition of the Attorney General alleging that petitioner was a member of the Communist Party of the United States of America and that neither he nor that organization had registered under the Act.

Jurisdiction and Venue

Jurisdiction and venue exist in this Court by virtue of section 14(a) of the Act, 50 U.S. Code § 793(a), which so far as is pertinent provides:

> "The party aggrieved by any order entered by the Board under subsections (g), (h), (i), or (j) of section 13, . . . may obtain a review of such order by filing in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, within sixty days from the date of service upon it of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Board be set aside."

Grounds for Relief

1. Sections 8 and 13 of the Act, on their face and as applied, are unconstitutional. They violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, which petitioner hereby asserts, and the First Amendment; deny petitioner due process of law, a judicial trial and trial by jury, contrary to the Fifth and Sixth Amendments, Art. III, § 1 and § 2, cl. 3; and constitute a bill of attainder.

2. The findings and order of the Board are based on erroneous constructions of the Act.

3. The findings and order of the Board are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

4. The findings and order of the Board are based on irrelevant evidence.

5. The Report of the Board fails to define adequately the grounds and reasoning of the order.

6. The Board erred in holding that petitioner was bound by the Board's prior determination that the Communist Party was a Communist-action organization.

RELIEF PRAYED

Wherefore, petitioner prays that the Court set aside the aforesaid order of the Board.

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Questions Presented

1. Whether the member registration provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act and registration orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board entered pursuant thereto violate petitioners' privilege against self-incrimination.

2. Whether the member registration provisions violate due process and the First Amendment because they serve no governmental purpose and abridge freedom of belief, conscience and association.

3. Whether section 8(c) of the Act violates due process and the First and Fourth Amendments and is an invalid delegation of legislative power.

4. Whether the member registration provisions and the Board's orders violate due process and constitute a bill of attainder because petitioners are bound by the Board's antecedent determination that the Communist Party was a Communist-action organization.

5. Whether the member registration provisions are unconstitutional in that, by reason of the conclusive effect of the Board's determinations as to the Communist Party and petitioners' membership therein, they deny a judicial trial and determination by grand and petit jury of essential elements of the criminal offense of non-compliance with the Board's orders.

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BRIEF FOR PETITIONERS

Jurisdictional Statement

This case presents for review orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board (herein called the Board) requiring petitioners to register as members of "the Communist Party of the United States of America, a Communist-action organization," under section 8(a) and (c) of the Subversive Activities Control Act (herein called the Act), 50 U. S. C. 787(a) and (c) (J.A. 26, 58).

The order against petitioner Albertson was issued on October 29, 1962 (J.A. 26). The order against petitioner Proctor was issued on January 18, 1963 (J.A. 58). Albertson's petition for review was filed on December 26, 1962 (J.A. 27), and Proctor's on February 14, 1963 (J.A. 59). The two cases were consolidated for all purposes by order of this Court dated March 20, 1963.

The Board had jurisdiction by virtue of section 13 of the Act, 50 U. S. C. 792. Jurisdiction to review the Board's orders is conferred on this Court by section 14 of the Act, 50 U. S. C. 793.

Statement of the Case

The Act provides that an organization which has been ordered by the Board to register as a Communist-action organization shall register with the Attorney General and furnish him with the names of its members. Secs. 7, 13. In the event that the organization fails to comply with a final registration order, the Attorney General may petition the Board to find that an accused individual is a member of the organization and to order him to register as such. Secs. 8, 13. Failure of an individual to register in obedience to a final order of the Board is punishable by imprisonment for five years and a fine of $10,000, both cumulative for each day that the failure continues. In addition, his failure to file a registration statement, as required by section 8(c), is punishable by a non-cumulative five year prison sentence and $10,000 fine. Sec. 15(a).[1]

On May 31, 1962, the Attorney General petitioned the Board in separate petitions for orders requiring petitioners Albertson and Proctor to register as members of the Com-

[1] Regulations of the Attorney General prescribe forms for the registration and registration statements of individuals. We discuss these in the course of the argument.

munist Party. The petitions alleged that there was outstanding a final order of the Board ordering the Communist Party to register as a Communist-action organization, that the order had not been complied with, that petitioners were members of the Communist Party, and that they had not registered with the Attorney General (J.A. 2-4, 30-33).

The answers of petitioners, signed and sworn to by them, stated that sections 8 and 13 of the Act, on their face and as applied, violated various provisions of the Constitution, including the privilege against self-incrimination which they thereby asserted. The answers denied that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization. The answers further stated that, in reliance on their privilege, petitioners refused to answer the paragraphs of the petition alleging membership in the Communist Party.[2] (J.A. 5-6, 33-34.)

At the hearings,[3] over the objections of petitioners, the Board took official notice of its order of April 20, 1953, ordering the Communist Party to register as a Communist-action organization and of the subsequent proceedings which culminated in the order becoming final on October 20, 1961, ten days after the issuance of the mandate in *Communist Party* v. *S.A.C.B.*, 367 U. S. 1, affirming the order (J.A. 13-15, 41-43, 53-54). It was stipulated that there had been no registration by or on behalf of the Party in compliance with the order and that petitioners had not registered as members of the Party (J.A. 16, 43).

The Attorney General's evidence consisted entirely of the testimony of paid F.B.I. informers that petitioners had been present at and participated in meetings which the witnesses described as meetings of the Communist Party,

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[2] Under the Board's regulations, these claims of privilege operated as denials of the allegations to which they were addressed (J.A. 8, 36).

[3] Each of the two petitioners had a separate hearing. However, there is no material difference between the two proceedings.

and that they had been elected to certain Party offices (J.A. 10-11, 16-24, 38-39, 44-49). Petitioners offered no evidence (J.A. 8, 37).

The Board issued reports and orders finding that petitioners are members of the Communist Party, a Communist-action organization, and ordering them to register as such (J.A. 25-26, 57-58). There was no evidence, and the Board made no findings, that petitioners had ever engaged in any unlawful conduct, had ever advocated the violent overthrow of the government even as a matter of abstract doctrine, or had knowledge of any such conduct or advocacy by the Party. Nor was there any evidence or findings that petitioners knew, believed or had reason to believe that the Party is or has the characteristics of a Communist-action organization as defined in the Act (sec. 3(3)).

In their petitions for review in this Court, petitioners again claimed their privilege against self-incrimination (J.A. 28, 60), which they had earlier asserted in their answers.

Statutes and Regulations Involved

The pertinent provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act and the regulations and forms prescribed by the Attorney General are set forth in the Appendix to this brief.

Points on Appeal

1. The Board erred in entering the registration orders for the reason that the Act and the orders violate petitioners' privilege against self-incrimination.

2. The member registration provisions of the Act and the Board's orders are otherwise unconstitutional, being violative of the First Amendment, due process of law, the Fourth Amendment, the prohibition against excessive

delegation of legislative power, the prohibition of bills of attainder, Article III, sec. 2, cl. 3, the Sixth Amendment, Article III, sec. 1, and Article I, sec. 9, cl. 3.

Summary of Argument

I.

A. Compliance with the member registration provisions of the Act requires the making of admissions by the registrant of membership in the Communist Party. These admissions are incriminating by virtue of both the Smith Act and section 4(a) of the Act. They are also incriminating because they expose the individual to the forfeitures which the Act imposes on members of Communist-action organizations.

In addition, the registration documents call for other incriminating admissions, including an admission that the registrant's organization is a participant in a criminal conspiracy and admissions of aliases, officership in the organization, and identifying information.

B. Section 4(f) does not accord an immunity which is coextensive with the privilege, and hence does not oust the privilege. The section's first sentence immunizes membership *per se*, but gives no immunity from prosecution for offenses in which Communist Party membership is one of several ingredients.

The second sentence of section 4(f) excludes evidentiary use of the fact of registration as a member, but does not give immunity from prosecution on account of membership. Only the latter immunity can replace the privilege. This principle is not inapplicable because the government was able to prove membership to the Board's satisfaction. Execution of the registration documents calling for admissions in the present tense will be required at a date much later than the period to which the Board's findings relate. Nor has it ever been thought that the ability of the government to prove an incriminating fact independently changes

the rule that the privilege may be replaced only by an absolute immunity from prosecution for any offense to which the compelled admission may relate. Were the rule otherwise, a "forbidden fruit" inquiry would be necessary in every case under a statute which conferred less than full immunity. Such statutes have, however, been held ineffective without qualification.

Furthermore, section 4(f) does not exclude the evidentiary use of the fact of registration in criminal prosecutions for violations of sections 5, 6 and 10 of the Act. Nor does section 4(f) prevent using the fact of registration as grounds for denying a passport or employment prohibited to Party members. Finally, the section does not exclude the evidentiary use of the admissions in the registration documents of matters other than Party membership.

C. The privilege issue is not premature in this proceeding, as it was held to be in the *Party* case. For here the claims of privilege have been made by petitioners and denied by the Attorney General and the Board. Failure to adjudicate the claims of privilege now would deny petitioners the full protection of the Fifth Amendment.

II.

A. Registration as a member of the Communist Party by a person who has been found by the Board to be a member serves no disclosure function. Disclosure has already been fully effectuated by the Board's finding. The validity of the member registration requirement is, therefore, not established by the Supreme Court's decision in the *Party* case, which sustained on disclosure grounds the validity of the requirement that the Party supply the list of its members. Member registration also serves no other conceivable purpose. Hence to require member registration under criminal penalties for non-compliance is an arbitrary and unreasonable exertion of government power, prohibited by due process.

B. The conduct exacted by the registration orders is speech, being declarations on the registration documents. The First Amendment embraces freedom to refrain from voicing a text dictated by government. Since no governmental interest is served by the orders, they would violate the First Amendment even if they required only innocuous declarations.

In fact, the declarations coerced by the registration orders are not innocuous. Registration is an avowal of political affiliation and signifies acquiescence in the proposition that the government has a right to compel it. In the context of the Act and the Board's findings against the Communist Party, registration is also self-defamatory and an acceptance of the government's view of the Communist Party and Communism, even though the registrant does not share the view. And it requires a certification of membership in the Party even if the registrant believes he is not a member.

C. Measures inhibiting the right of association in the Communist Party are subject to First Amendment limitations. The Act's member registration provisions condition the exercise of this right on registration and the filing of a registration statement. Because Party membership *per se* cannot constitutionally be made a crime, it cannot, under *Thomas* v. *Collins*, 323 U. S. 516, be made subject to these prior restraints.

The Supreme Court's distinction of *Thomas* v. *Collins* in the *Party* case is not applicable here because member registration, unlike organizational registration, is attached solely to association and not to other activity outside the area of the First Amendment. Moreover, though distinguishing *Thomas* v. *Collins*, the Court held it necessary to apply the balancing test to registration requirements. Since member registration serves no disclosure function or any other governmental purpose, there is nothing to outweigh its restraint on association.

III.

Section 8(c) of the Act requires petitioners to supply to the Attorney General any information he may by regulations prescribe. This unlimited authorization violates due process and the First Amendment under *Sweezy* v. *New Hampshire*, 354 U. S. 234. The absence of standards also makes section 8(c) an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power. And because the section authorizes an unlimited and undefined intrusion into privacy and an exploratory search, it violates the Fourth Amendment.

IV.

1. Petitioners were bound in the administrative proceeding by the Board's prior determination, in a proceeding to which petitioners were not parties, that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization. This is a violation of the due process principle that liability may not be imposed on persons without affording them an opportunity to contest the factual issues on which the liability depends. The violation is aggravated by the fact that the Board's determination as to the Party related to April 1953, and yet it precludes petitioners with regard to the Party's nature some ten years later.

Because the Party has not registered, the Act provides no opportunity for redetermining the Party's status. Hence petitioners are forever bound by the Board's finding as to the past nature of the Party. This makes the Act a bill of attainder with respect to petitioners, as well as a violation of due process.

2. The Board's determination as to the nature of the Party and its determinations of petitioners' membership therein are also conclusive in criminal proceedings to enforce registration orders. Thereby the Act denies petitioners a judicial trial and trial by jury on essential elements of the offense of non-compliance with the Board's orders. This is unconstitutional for reasons stated in the brief in the pending enforcement case against the Party.

ARGUMENT

I. The Act and the orders of the Board violate petitioners' privilege against self-incrimination.

The orders of the Board (J.A. 26, 58) require petitioners to register and file registration statements with the Attorney General as required by section 8(a) and (c) of the Act or incur the penalties of section 15(a) for failing to do so. Regulations of the Attorney General prescribe the forms which petitioners are obliged to fill out and file in meeting the registration requirements. The regulations and forms are set forth in the Appendix to this brief.

Registration is accomplished by filing a form (Form IS-52a) in which the registrant states over his signature that he "hereby registers as a member of [naming the organization], a Communist-action organization." The registration statement is a separate form (Form IS-52) which calls for the registrant's name, all other names used by him during the past ten years, the date and place of his birth, the name of the Communist-action organization of which he is a member, and a list and description of the duties of all offices in the organization held by him within the preceding year.[4]

In what follows we show (1) that the registration requirements compel petitioners to make incriminating admissions, (2) that the so-called immunity provision of the Act (sec. 4(f)) does not make the privilege against self-incrimination inapplicable, and (3) that the privilege issue is not premature in this proceeding.

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[4] The information called for by the registration statement is not prescribed in the Act, which simply provides (sec. 8(c)) that the registration of an individual "shall be accompanied by a registration statement to be prepared and filed in such manner and form, and containing such information, as the Attorney General shall by regulations prescribe."

A. The registration requirements compel incriminating admissions.

Under section 8(a) of the Act, each petitioner must admit membership in the Communist Party by registering himself as such a member. This admission, under the Attorney General's regulations, must be made on Form IS-52a. Under section 8(c), each petitioner must file a registration statement in such form and containing such information as the Attorney General prescribes by regulation. The registration statement prescribed by the Attorney General (Form IS-52) likewise requires a declaration of membership in the Communist Party.

These admissions of Party membership, required by the Act, are incriminating and may not be compelled. *Blau* v. *United States*, 340 U. S. 159; *Quinn* v. *United States*, 349 U. S. 155; *Scales* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 203.

The holding in *Blau* was based on the Smith Act. Since that decision, Congress has enacted section 4(a) of the Act, making it a crime to conspire "to perform any act which would substantially contribute to the establishment within the United States of a totalitarian dictatorship" under foreign control. Inasmuch as the Board has found that the Communist Party operates primarily to advance the precise objective which section 4(a) makes it unlawful to promote,[5] it is obvious that an admission of Party membership is highly incriminating under that section.

There is an additional reason why the compelled admission of membership in the Communist Party is incriminating. In consequence of the registration order against the Party, the Act subjects members of the organization to certain disabilities. They are ineligible for non-elective federal employment, for employment by privately owned "defense facilities," and for office or employment in labor unions. Sec. 5. They may not apply for or use passports.

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[5] See *Communist Party* v. *S.A.C.B.*, 367 U. S. 1, 55.

Sec. 6. If naturalized citizens, their citizenship may be revoked if they joined the Party within five years after naturalization. If aliens, they may not be naturalized, but must be deported if within the country or excluded from admission if outside it.[6] These forfeitures of valuable rights are within the protection of the privilege against self-incrimination. *Boyd* v. *United States*, 116 U. S. 616, held that a party was protected by the privilege from giving evidence against himself in a proceeding to forfeit his property. The Court said (at 638), "A witness, as well as a party, is protected by law from being compelled to give evidence that tends to incriminate him, *or to subject his property to forfeiture*" (emphasis supplied). See also at 630, 631. To the same effect, *Lees* v. *United States*, 150 U. S. 476. The rights which are forfeited by the Act are at least as valuable and important as property rights and, therefore, are entitled to the same protection as the latter.

The registration documents call for incriminating admissions in addition to the admission of Communist Party membership. The registration statement calls for all names used by the registrant in the previous ten years and for the Party offices which he held in the preceding year. Such information is obviously incriminating, and indeed is sought for no other purpose. Execution of the registration statement also requires stating the date and place of the registrant's birth. This is identifying information which, especially in combination with the demand for aliases, can be used to link the registrant with claimed criminal conduct. Moreover, if the registrant is an alien or naturalized citizen, the information as to nativity may be used to support efforts to deport or denaturalize him. Finally, both registration documents require an admission that the Communist

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[6] Originally contained in secs. 22 and 25 of the Act, these sanctions against aliens and naturalized citizens have been carried forward by secs. 212(a)(28)(E), 241(a)(6)(E), 313(a)(2)(G), and 340(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U. S. C. 1182, 1251, 1424, 1451.

Party is a Communist-action organization. Under the definitions of the Act (secs. 2 and 3(3)), such an organization is a participant in an international conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States and replace it with a "Communist totalitarian dictatorship" under Soviet control. An admission that the organization has these characteristics, when made by the registrant who likewise admits his membership in the organization, is plainly incriminating under section 4(a) of the Act and the Smith Act.

It is beyond dispute, therefore, that the orders of the Board requiring petitioners to register and file registration statements compel incriminating admissions. Cf. *Russell* v. *United States*, 306 F. 2d 402; *People* v. *McCormick*, 102 Cal. App. 2d Supp. 954, 228 P. 2d 349.

B. Section 4(f) does not make the privilege against self-incrimination inapplicable.

Congress recognized that self-incrimination was inherent in the registration features of the Act and sought to avoid it by the inclusion of section 4(f).[7] Section 4(f), however, does not meet the problem because the protection it affords is too limited to substitute for the privilege.

The first sentence of the section states that membership in a Communist organization shall not "constitute per se" a violation of section 4(a) or (c) "or of any other criminal statute." This provision is insufficient to oust the privilege since it gives no immunity from prosecution for offenses in which membership in the Communist Party is one of several ingredients. *Scales* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 203.

The second sentence of the section states:

> "The fact of the registration of any person under section 7 or section 8 of this title as an officer or

[7] The legislative history of the section is reviewed in *Scales* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 203, 211-219, and 279-286 (dissenting opinion).

> member of any Communist organization [8] shall not be received in evidence against such person in any prosecution for any alleged violation of subsection (a) or subsection (c) of this section or for any alleged violation of any other criminal statute."

This provision is not a substitute for the privilege for three reasons.

1. The provision merely excludes the evidentiary use of the fact of a registrant's registration as evidence of his membership or officership in the Communist Party. It does not give him immunity from prosecution on account of membership or officership. It does not, therefore, accord protection coextensive with the privilege and hence is not a substitute for the privilege. *Counselman* v. *Hitchcock*, 142 U. S. 547; *United States* v. *Bryan*, 339 U. S. 323, 336; *Scales* v. *United States*, *supra*, at 206-19; *Smith* v. *United States*, 337 U. S. 137, 150. *Counselman* v. *Hitchcock* stated (at 585-86) of an immunity clause of the same kind as section 4(f):

> "We are clearly of the opinion that no statute which leaves the party or witness subject to prosecution after he answers the criminating question put to him, can have the effect of supplanting the privilege * * * In view of the constitutional provision, a statutory enactment, to be valid, must afford absolute immunity against future prosecution for the offence to which the question relates."

Smith v. *United States*, 337 U. S. 137, 150, stated the same principle as follows:

> "Although the privilege against self-incrimination must be claimed, when claimed it is guaranteed by the Constitution. Thereafter only absolute immunity from federal criminal prosecution is sufficient to compel the desired testimony."

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[8] Section 3(5) of the Act defines Communist organizations to include Communist-action, Communist-front and Communist-infiltrated organizations.

It cannot be argued that these decisions are inapplicable because here the government was able to prove to the satisfaction of the Board, under a standard less onerous than required in criminal prosecutions, that petitioners were members of the Communist Party.

In the first place, the Board's findings are as of October 29, 1962 and January 18, 1963, respectively, the dates of the Board's orders (J.A. 26, 58). And, of course, all the evidence of membership relates to earlier dates. But the registration orders compel petitioners to acknowledge *present* membership in the Communist Party at a much later date, when execution of the registration documents will be required.

Secondly, the *Counselman* principle admits of no qualification to the effect that the privilege is inapplicable if the government can establish the incriminating fact without benefit of the admission sought to be compelled. As *Counselman* states, *supra*, emphasis supplied, once an answer is demanded that may be incriminating (here, that the registrant is a member of the Communist Party), an immunity statute "to be valid, *must* afford absolute immunity against future prosecution for the offence to which the question relates."

Were the rule otherwise, an inquiry like the "forbidden fruit" inquiry in Fourth Amendment cases would be necessary in every case under a limited immunity statute of the type involved in *Counselman*. The witness' claim of privilege would be sustained only if it appeared from the inquiry that his answer could supply the government with an incriminating fact or lead which it did not already possess. But no court has ever suggested such a procedure. Instead, *Counselman*-type statutes have been held ineffective without reservation. And, in an analogous situation, the Second Circuit sustained a claim of privilege even though it was highly improbable that the witness would ever be prosecuted. *United States* v. *Miranti*, 253 F. 2d 135, 139.

2. The foregoing discussion demonstrates that section 4(f) would not oust the privilege even it barred evidentiary use of the registration in all criminal prosecutions and forfeiture proceedings. In fact the bar of section 4(f) is not so comprehensive. It provides that the fact of registration shall not be received in evidence against the registrant "in any prosecution for any alleged violation of subsection (a) or subsection (c) of this section or for any alleged violation of any other criminal statute." By its terms the provision is not applicable to prosecutions for violations of sections of the Act other than sections 4(a) and 4(c). Hence, there is nothing to bar the introduction in evidence of the fact of a defendant's registration to prove his membership in the Communist Party in a prosecution under section 15(c) of the Act for violation of the employment, passport or labelling provisions of sections 5, 6 and 10. Nor does section 4(f) bar similar use of the fact of registration in administrative proceedings to revoke a registrant's passport or to support the denial of a passport to him. See Department of State Passport Regulations, 22 C. F. R., Part 51. And, of course, nothing in 4(f) bars the federal government or private employers from using the fact of registration (a matter of public record under section 9 of the Act) as a basis for denying the registrant employment of the kind prohibited to Communist Party members by section 5 of the Act.

3. Section 4(f) bars the evidentiary use against a person who registers as a member of the Communist Party of the fact of his registration as a member. But it does not bar the evidentiary use of any of the other information called for by the registration documents.

Accordingly, both registration documents could be introduced in prosecutions of petitioners under section 4(a) of the Act or the Smith Act as admissions by them that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization and has the characteristics attributed to such organizations by

the Act. Likewise, the registration statements could be introduced in any criminal prosecutions of petitioners to prove such possibly incriminating facts as aliases, Party offices, and dates and places of birth. Moreover, nothing in section 4(f) prevents the government from using any of this information as leads to other incriminating evidence against petitioners.

C. The privilege issue is not premature in this proceeding.

We have shown that the Act's registration requirements compel petitioners to incriminate themselves and that section 4(f) is not a substitute for their privilege against self-incrimination. It remains to point out why the privilege issue can and should be adjudicated in this proceeding.

In *Communist Party* v. *SACB*, *supra*, at 106-110, the majority held it premature on review of the registration order against the Party to determine whether the requirement that the Party register violated the privilege of its officers who were obliged to execute the registration documents.[9] The grounds for this conclusion were that the privilege must normally be claimed by the individual who seeks its protection and that no such claim had as yet been made by the officers. The Court stated (at 107):

> "Within thirty days after the Board's registration order becomes final, the Party's officers may file signed registration statements in the form required by Form ISA-1. Or they may file statements claiming the privilege in lieu of furnishing the required information. If a claim of privilege is made, it may or may not be honored by the Attorney General. We cannot, on the basis of supposition that privilege will be claimed and not honored, proceed now to adjudicate the constitutionality under the Fifth Amendment of the registration provisions."

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[9] Four justices believed that the privilege issue was not premature and that the order of the Board was invalid because it conflicted with the privilege. See pages 175-202.

It is clear that the holding in the *Party* case is inapplicable and that the issue of petitioners' privilege is ripe for adjudication in this proceeding. This is so because, unlike the situation in the *Party* case, petitioners' claims of privilege have already been made and rejected. They were made, initially, in answering the petitions and, again, in the petitions for review. They were denied by the Attorney General by his action in continuing to prosecute the proceedings in the face of the position taken by petitioners in their answers. The claims were likewise denied by the Board by the issuance of the registration orders. And the Board's insistence that its orders should be affirmed shows that it and its attorney, the Attorney General, maintain their refusal to honor petitioners' claims of the privilege.

Accordingly, assertions of the privilege and refusal to honor it are not conjectural as they were in the *Party* case. Here, they are acts which have already occurred. Since everything required to present the privilege issue for adjudication has taken place, leaving nothing for supposition, there is no reason for withholding adjudication.

Furthermore, to postpone adjudication of the issue until the prosecution of petitioners for violating the orders would deny petitioners the full protection which the Fifth Amendment accords. The Amendment does more than protect a person from punishment for refusing to incriminate himself. What it prohibits is any *compulsion* upon him to incriminate himself. Affirmance of the Board's order and the threat of criminal prosecution for disobedience would obviously exert compulsion on petitioners to register. If petitioners have validly invoked the privilege, the Amendment entitles them to protection against such compulsion. Accordingly, petitioners' claims must be adjudicated in this proceeding so that petitioners will not be compelled to incriminate themselves.

Here, unlike the situation in the *Party* case, the persons claiming the privilege are parties to the litigation. As such, they are entitled now to a judicial decision of their rights and privileges vis-a-vis the registration order. It is neither seemly nor fair to subject them to criminal prosecutions to obtain a ruling on their constitutional rights.

II. The member registration provisions of the Act violate due process and the First Amendment because they serve no governmental purpose and abridge freedom of belief, conscience and association.

A. The provisions violate due process because they exact admissions which serve no governmental purpose.

Communist Party v. *S.A.C.B.*, 367 U. S. 1, 88-105, held that section 7(d) of the Act, requiring a Communist-action organization to file its membership list with the Attorney General, does not violate the First Amendment. The holding rested on the ground that the interest of the members of a Communist-action organization in the anonymity of their political association was outweighed "in the constitutional balance" by the government's interest in the disclosure of the identity of the members of such an organization.

The *Party* decision forecloses argument in this Court that the Board could not constitutionally be authorized to determine and disclose the identity of the members of a Communist-action organization which has failed to file the membership list required by section 7(d). But the member registration provisions of the Act do more than authorize the Board to make such determinations and disclosures. They empower the Board to order persons found to be members to register themselves as such and to file registration statements. The *Party* decision did not consider, much less dispose of, the validity of this feature of the Act.

Registration as a member of the Communist Party by a person who has been found by the Board to be a member serves no disclosure function. Identification of the person as a member and disclosure of his membership is fully accomplished by the Board's findings which, under section 13(g)(2) of the Act, are prerequisite to the issuance of its registration order. Self-identification of a member by registration is entirely superfluous to the Act's ostensible disclosure objective. Hence, unlike section 7(d) of the Act, sustained in the *Party* case, the member registration requirement cannot find justification as a disclosure measure.

All that the registration of an individual would add to the Board's finding of his membership would be an admission that the Board's finding was correct. This admission would not even corroborate the findings, since it is extorted by the threat of cumulative penalties that add up to life imprisonment. Manifestly, the coerced admission serves no governmental purpose.[10]

A law which punishes non-compliance with exactions unrelated to a governmental purpose is an arbitrary and unreasonable exertion of governmental power, prohibited by due process. See *Nebbia* v. *New York*, 291 U. S. 502, 525; *Perez* v. *Brownell*, 356 U. S. 44, 58; *Williamson* v. *Lee Optical of Oklahoma*, 348 U. S. 483, 491. This principle condemns the member registration provisions of the Act.

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[10] No disclosure justification can be supplied by section 8(c), requiring the filing of registration statements containing such information as the Attorney General may choose to exact. Aside from the invalidity of the requirement (*infra*, pp. 28-30), obviously no weight can be given to any informational demand whose nature and purpose Congress left wholly undefined. "The lack of any indications that the leigslature wanted the information the Attorney General attempted to elicit from the petitioner must be treated as the absence of authority." *Sweezy* v. *New Hampshire*, 354 U. S. 234, 254. In any event, the registration orders are not limited to 8(c), but also require registration pursuant to 8(a).

B. The member registration provisions violate the First Amendment and due process because they extort declarations contrary to belief and conscience.

The due process defect of the Act, arising from its exaction of conduct which serves no governmental purpose, is compounded by the fact that the conduct exacted is speech. Moreover, the speech is in the form of a declaration contrary to the conscience and belief of the declarant. For these reasons, the Act and the Board's orders violate the First Amendment as well as due process.

The freedom of speech protected by the Amendment embraces not merely freedom to say what is on one's mind, but also freedom to refrain from voicing a text dictated by the government. *W. Va. Bd. of Ed.* v. *Barnette*, 319 U. S. 624. If the registration orders exacted only the most innocuous of declarations, they would still violate the First Amendment and due process. Under either the clear and present danger test or the balancing test, there must, at a minimum, be some valid reason for a governmental order that a person say what it prescribes or lose his liberty. "No one would deny that the infringement of constitutional rights of individuals would violate the guarantee of due process where no state interest underlies the state action." *Sweezy* v. *New Hampshire*, 354 U. S. 234, 254.

The declaration exacted by the registration orders is far from innocuous. It is a coerced admission of political affiliation, historically a tool of oppression. By making the admission, the registrant bows to the proposition that government has the right as an end in itself to inquire into, determine, and compel the avowal of, political affiliations. Furthermore, because it is compelled on the basis of governmental findings that the Communist Party is a criminal conspiracy, registration is a statement of acquiescence in the findings and is self-defamatory. Indeed, the registration documents prescribed by the Attorney General require registrants to state in so many words that the Communist

Party is a Communist-action organization, thereby making explicit what is implicit in the act of registering. (See secs. 11.206 and 11.207 of the Attorney General's regulations and forms IS-52a and IS-52, in the Appendix hereto.)

It does not matter that the person ordered to register may be a loyal, patriotic American; that his membership in the Communist Party may be motivated by lofty aspirations for his country and its people; that he may be innocent of any wrongdoing;[11] that he may completely

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[11] Cf. counsel's opening statement made in petitioner Proctor's administrative hearing (Tr. 40-42). "Mrs. Ginger: * * * If this were not a political case before a Board, but a trial before a court and jury, we would present evidence that Roscoe Proctor in 1941 came to California from Texas; that in 1945 he came to Oakland; that in 1951 through '52 he helped in the various activities leading to the end of job discrimination against Negroes by the Key System and Bank of America and Pacific Telephone Company; that in April 1957, as chairman of the Commission on Christian Social Relations of Taylor Memorial Methodist Church, 14th and Magnolia in Oakland, he went to Sacramento to lobby for passage of the F.E.P.C. law; that in May 1957, he participated in Rev. Martin Luther King's Prayer Pilgrimage joining 27,000 other Americans in going to Washington; that in the fall of 1958 he worked for defeat of Proposition 18, the right to work amendment, as a member of Warehouse Local 6 of the ILWU; that in July 1960 he went to Los Angeles with other unionists and students to urge passage of the strong Civil Rights plank by the Democratic Party, which was passed. That on August 25, 1960, he attended an apprenticeship training conference held in Oakland which he had worked on as Chairman of Warehouse Local 6, Oakland Division, ILWU, Community Relations Committee; that in the spring of 1961 he went to Sacramento repeatedly as Legislative Chairman of Local 6 to lobby for an increase in unemployment compensation benefits which legislation was passed, and that as a Negro seeking decent housing for his family, he has had to buy a home and rebuild it so that he could have a decent place in which to live, and that he has attended meetings with all types of people from the community coming to discuss all kinds of problems, seeking answers relating not only to trade union matters but also to discrimination and just ordinary problems of the community * * * that he has no criminal record and has a fine standing in the community."

reject the findings of the Act and the Board concerning the nature of Communism and the Communist Party;[12] and that it may be against his conscience to lend himself to what he considers a political inquisition. Nor is it material that the individual ordered to admit membership in the Communist Party may not in fact be or believe himself to be a member, so long as the order of the Board has evidentiary support.[13]

Thus member registration orders compel persons to signify submission to the government's orthodoxy concerning the nature of Communism and the Communist Party, to forswear themselves by certifying as true what they believe to be false, and to defame themselves by acknowledging membership in a seditious conspiracy. Because of the First Amendment, however, the government may not "compel affirmation of a repugnant belief." *Sherbert* v. *Verner*, 374 U. S. 398; —; *Torcaso* v. *Watkins*, 367 U. S. 488, 495.

In *W. V. Bd. of Ed.* v. *Barnette, supra*, persuasive considerations of public interest were advanced in support of a statute requiring a salute to the flag. Yet the Court invalidated the statute on the grounds that, "It requires the individual to communicate by word and sign his acceptance of the political ideas it thus bespeaks" (at 633), and, "To sustain the compulsory flag salute we are required to say that a Bill of Rights which guards the individual's right to speak his own mind, left it open to public authorities to

[12] The petitioners, in their answers in the administrative proceeding, denied the allegations of the Attorney General's petitions that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization (J.A. 5, 33).

[13] In view of the extravagantly vague criteria for determining Communist Party membership (sec. 5, Communist Control Act, 50 U. S. C. 844; *Killian* v. *United States*, 368 U. S. 231), there are undoubtedly thousands of persons who, though believing that they are not members of the Party, can readily be found to be such.

compel him to utter what is not in his mind" (at 634). Still less may such an utterance be compelled here, where it serves no possible public interest.

"Of course we agree that one may not be imprisoned or executed because he holds particular beliefs." *American Communications Association* v. *Douds*, 339 U. S. 382, 400. It follows that one may not be ordered, under criminal penalties, to forswear his beliefs. Yet that is what the Board has ordered.

The proposition that the government cannot constitutionally compel an individual to affirm the correctness of a governmental finding about himself underlies the cases which deny to the National Labor Relations Board authority to require employers found guilty of unfair labor practices to post notices that they will cease and desist from such practices. *Art Metals Construction Co.* v. *N.L.R.B.*, 110 F. 2d 148; *Hartsell Mills Co.* v. *N.L.R.B.*, 111 F. 2d 291; *Kansas City P. & L. Co.* v. *N.L.R.B.*, 111 F. 2d 340; *Swift & Co.* v. *N.L.R.B.*, 106 F. 2d 87; *N.L.R.B.* v. *Louisville Refining Co.*, 102 F. 2d 678. As Judge Learned Hand stated in the *Arts Metals Construction Co.* case at (151):

> "But we think that to compel [the employer] to say that he will 'cease and desist,' necessarily imports that in the past he has been doing the things forbidden; indeed we find it hard to see how the contrary can be rationally argued. Forcibly to compel anyone to declare that the utterances of any official, whoever he may be, are true, when he protests that he does not believe them, has implications which we should hesitate to believe Congress could ever have intended. * * * too long a history and too dearly bought privileges are behind such refusals."

And as Judge Parker stated in *Hartsell Mills* (at 293):

> "We cannot imagine a court sending a convicted employer to jail for not publishing a confession that he has been guilty of violating the law, for not even a convicted felon can be required to confess his guilt."

C. The member registration provisions violate the First Amendment and due process because they impose unjustifiable restraints on association.

Governmental measures which inhibit association in organizations which engage in advocacy are subject to First Amendment and due process limitations. *N.A.A.C.P.* v. *Alabama*, 357 U. S. 449; *Bates* v. *Little Rock*, 361 U. S. 516; *Sweezy* v. *New Hampshire*, 254 U. S. 234, 250-61. These limitations apply to legislation which deters association in the form of membership in the Communist Party, despite the official dogma that the Party engages in illegal advocacy. *American Communications Association* v. *Douds*, 339 U. S. 382, 393, 402-04; *Scales* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 203, 229. This follows from the fact that the Party engages in peaceable, protected advocacy, no matter what other doctrine it may be accused of advancing, and the settled legal principle that in the First Amendment area, "government may regulate * * * only with narrow specificity" (*N.A.A.C.P.* v. *Button*, 371 U. S. 415, 533). Accordingly, legislation dealing with the supposed Communist menace may "not cut deeper into the freedom of association than is necessary to deal with 'the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent.'" *Scales* v. *United States*, *supra*, at 229.[14]

The Act's member registration provisions make it a condition of membership in the Communist Party that the individual member register himself as such and file a registration statement containing such information as the Attorney General chooses to require. These requirements impose a restraint on the First Amendment right of association in the Communist Party. Because this is a prior restraint, it "comes to this Court bearing a heavy presumption against its constitutional validity." *Bantam Books* v. *Sullivan*, 272 U. S. 58, 70.

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[14] The specificity principle was also applied to a case involving Communism in *De Jonge* v. *Oregon*, 299 U. S. 353. For other applications see *Shelton* v. *Tucker*, 364 U. S. 479, 488; *Butler* v. *Michigan*, 352 U. S. 380, 383; *Talley* v. *California*, 362 U. S. 60, 64.

The invalidity of this restraint is established by *Thomas* v. *Collins*, 323 U. S. 516, which held that the exercise of First Amendment rights may not be conditioned on prior registration with governmental authorities. The restraint invalidated in that case was far less serious than the one here, since it involved only a simple identification requirement unaccompanied by self-defamation, forswearing, infringement of freedom of belief and conscience, and intrusion into privacy. Yet the Court stated in *Thomas* v. *Collins* (at 540):

> "If the exercise of the rights of free speech and free assembly cannot be made a crime, we do not think this can be accomplished by the device of requiring previous registration as a condition for exercising them and making such a condition the foundation for restraining in advance their exercise and for imposing a penalty for violating such a restraining order. So long as no more is involved than exercise of the rights of free speech and free assembly, it is immune to such a restriction."

As in *Thomas* v. *Collins*, the right restrained here—membership in the Communist Party without more—"cannot be made a crime," since "no more is involved than exercise of the rights of free speech and free assembly." This is clear from *Scales* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 203. *Scales* sustained the membership clause of the Smith Act as applied to a member of the Communist Party. But it did so only by construing the statute to require proof that the Party engaged in systematic incitement of violent overthrow of the government,[15] and that the defendant had knowledge of this fact, was an active member, and personally intended to bring about violent overthrow of the gov-

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[15] On the same day that it decided *Scales*, the Court reversed another conviction under the membership clause of the Smith Act because the evidence did not establish that the Party engaged in illegal advocacy. *Noto* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 290.

ernment as soon as circumstances permitted. See 367 U. S. at 224-54.

In contrast to *Scales*, the restraint of the Act and the Board's orders is imposed solely because of the bare fact of Party membership. All the Board found, and all it was required to find, was that petitioners were members of the Communist Party. It did not find guilty knowledge, guilty intent, guilty acts, or active membership. Moreover, contrary to *Scales*, the Board did not even find that the organization, the Communist Party, engages in illicit advocacy. It made no inquiry or finding on this subject in the administrative proceeding against petitioners. And in the proceeding against the Party, which furnished the foundation for the orders against these petitioners, the most the Board found was that the Party advocated forcible overthrow of the government as a matter of abstract doctrine. This fact was recognized in *Communist Party* v. *S.A.C.B.*, 367 U. S. 1, both by the majority opinion (at 56) and the Chief Justice's dissent (at 130-33). Neither such advocacy nor membership in an organization which so advocates may constitutionally be punished. *Yates* v. *United States*, 354 U. S. 298; *Noto* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 290; *Scales* v. *United States*, *supra*, at 232. Furthermore, the Board's finding of this advocacy was made as of 1953, the date of the Board's order against the Party, and not as of the time of the orders against petitioners.

On several grounds, therefore, membership in the Communist Party "cannot be made a crime."[16] It follows from *Thomas* v. *Collins* that "the device of requiring pre-

[16] Nor can such membership be made a ground for the imposition of civil sanctions in the absence of knowledge by the member of the organization's alleged illicit objectives and an opportunity for him to show that despite such knowledge he is fit to enjoy the privilege sought to be denied him. *Wieman* v. *Updegraff*, 344 U. S. 183; *Adler* v. *Board of Education*, 342 U. S. 485; *Sweezy* v. *New Hampshire*, 354 U. S. 234, 247.

vious registration" cannot be made a condition on the exercise of the constitutional right to be a member of the Party.[17]

Our argument is not contradicted by the Supreme Court's decision in the *Party* case. In upholding the registration order against the Party, the Court (at 90) distinguished *Thomas* v. *Collins* on the ground that the statute in that case imposed the registration obligation for engaging in "speech activity alone," whereas the registration order against the Party was attached not "to the incident of speech, but to the incidents of foreign domination and of operation to advance the objectives of the world Communist movement—operation which, the Board has found here, includes extensive, long-continuing organizational, as well as 'speech,' activity." By this analysis, the Court avoided prior restraint doctrine and the clear-and-present-danger test, and applied the balancing test.

But a member registration order is based on, and attached to, association—that is "speech activity"—alone. The Board need not find that the individual member is under foreign domination, or advances the objectives of the world Communist movement, or engages in any kind of organizational activity. Hence the principle of *Thomas* v. *Collins* doctrine is fully applicable, and the balancing test is not available.

But if balancing is required here, it is clear that the result must be different from that in the *Party* case. In the latter, the restraint on association was held outweighed

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[17] The Court in *Thomas* v. *Collins* was not unaware that its holding would be applicable to Communist Party membership as well as to attempts to recruit union members. For *Thomas* v. *Collins* stated (at 539) that the "controlling principle" for its decision came from *De Jonge* v. *Oregon*, 299 U. S. 353. *De Jonge* held that the assumption that the Communist Party seeks to foment violence cannot justify proscription of participation in peaceable political action of the Party.

by "the pertinence which registration and disclosure bear to the protection" of the national security (at 93-95). The pertinence of the disclosure of the Party's membership was that it would remove "the mask of anonymity * * * enabling [members] to cover over a foreign-directed conspiracy, infiltrate into other groups, and enlist the support of persons who would not, if the truth were revealed, lend their support" (at 102-03).

In the present case, the registration orders serve no disclosure purpose whatsoever, since, as we have seen, disclosure is fully accomplished by the Board's findings of membership. Registration has no pertinence to the Act's ostensible purpose of controlling a danger to the national security or to any other governmental interest. There is nothing to put in the scales in favor of the orders. Hence the orders cannot survive the balancing test used in the *Party* case.

III. Section 8(c) of the Act violates due process and the First and Fourth Amendments and is an invalid delegation of legislative power.

The Board's orders require petitioners to "register under and pursuant to section 8(a) and (c)" of the Act. Section 8(c) provides that a member's registration "shall be accompanied by a registration statement to be prepared and filed in such manner and form, and containing such information as the Attorney General shall by regulations prescribe." In contrast to section 7(d) (50 U. S. C. 586(d)), which precisely defines the content of registration statements to be filed by organizations, section 8(c) leaves the nature and extent of the information to be exacted from an individual registrant to the unfettered decision of the Attorney General. It does not even prescribe standards for him to employ in making his decision, nor is judicial review available.

1. Section 8(c) is invalid under *Sweezy* v. *New Hampshire*, 354 U. S. 234. That case held that due process and the First Amendment prohibit compulsion of testimony under a legislative authorization so broad and vague that it does not appear that the information demanded was considered by the legislature necessary for a governmental purpose. The authority delegated by section 8(c) is "a sweeping and uncertain mandate," condemned by *Sweezy* (at 253). Here, even more than in *Sweezy* (at 253), "It cannot be stated authoritatively that the legislature asked the Attorney General to gather the kind of facts comprised in the subjects upon which petitioner was interrogated." Section 8(c) is incompatible with the following observation from *Sweezy* (at 245):

> "It is particularly important that the exercise of the power of compulsory process be carefully circumscribed when the investigative process tends to impinge upon such highly sensitive areas as freedom of speech or press, freedom of political association, and freedom of communication of ideas, particularly in the academic community. Responsibility for the proper conduct of investigations rests, of course, upon the legislature itself. If the assembly chooses to authorize inquiries on its behalf by a legislatively created committee, that basic responsibility carries forward to include the duty of adequate supervision of the actions of the committee. This safeguard can be nullified when a committee is invested with a broad and ill-defined jurisdiction."

2. The complete absence of standards makes section 8(c) an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power. *Panama Refining Co.* v. *Ryan*, 293 U. S. 388. That case invalidated a delegation to the President because (415), "It establishes no criterion to govern the President's course. * * * Congress * * * thus declares no policy. * * * So far as this section is concerned, it gives to the President an unlimited authority to determine the policy and to lay down the prohibition, or not to lay it down, as he may see fit.

And disobedience to his order is made a crime punishable by fine and imprisonment." Like observations hold true for section 8(c).

3. Section 8(c) also violates the Fourth Amendment, which protects the right of privacy against unwarranted extractions of information, as well as against unreasonable searches for and seizures of tangible objects. *Boyd* v. *United States,* 116 U. S. 616, 630; *Jones* v. *S.E.C.,* 298 U. S. 1; *Lopez* v. *United States,* 373 U. S. 427, 460 (Brennan, J., dissenting). Section 8(c) hands the Attorney General a blank subpoena. No judicial supervision is provided either before or after he fills in the blank. The subjects of inquiry are wholly undefined, and no guide-lines of relevancy or necessity are provided. The section, therefore, conflicts with the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits exploratory searches (*United States* v. *Lefkowitz,* 285 U. S. 452, 466; *United States* v. *Rabinowitz,* 339 U. S. 56, 62) and demands for information based on nothing more than "the hope that something will turn up." *F.T.C.* v. *American Tobacco Co.,* 264 U. S. 298, 306.

Nor can section 8(c) be saved on the theory that the Attorney General's regulations show restraint. Legislative measures which affect First Amendment rights must be judged on their face and, if overly broad or vague, cannot be saved by a narrowing construction or application. *Smith* v. *California,* 361 U. S. 147, 151, and cases there cited. And as stated in *Panama Refining Co., supra,* at 420:

> "The question whether such a delegation of legislative power is permitted by the Constitution is not answered by the argument that it should be assumed that the President has acted, and will act, for what he believes to be the public good. The point is not one of motives but of constitutional authority, for which the best of motives is not a substitute."

IV. The member registration provisions of the Act and the orders of the Board violate due process and constitute a bill of attainder because the 1953 determination of the Board as to the character of the Communist Party is made conclusive against petitioners.

1. In their answers in the administrative proceeding, petitioners denied the allegations of the Attorney General that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization (J.A. 5, 33). The Attorney General, however, introduced no evidence at the hearing to prove that the Party is such an organization. The Board held that petitioners were bound by the Board's determination on that subject made in the prior proceedings against the Party (J.A. 13-14, 41-42, 53-54).

Thus petitioners have been ordered to register as members of a Communist-action organization on the basis of a finding of the organization's character made in a proceeding to which they were not parties. This procedure, though undoubtedly authorized by the Act, clearly violates the fundamental principle of due process that liability may not be imposed on persons without affording them a hearing on and an opportunity to contest the factual issues on which the liability depends. *Heiner* v. *Donnan*, 285 U. S. 312, 325; *Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City R.R.* v. *Turnipseed*, 219 U. S. 35, 43; *Ohio Bell Telephone Co.* v. *P.U.C.*, 301 U. S. 292, 301-02; *Renaud* v. *Abbott*, 116 U. S. 277, 288; *Noto* v. *United States*, 367 U. S. 290, 299.

Kirby v. *United States*, 174 U. S. 47, held it a violation of the right of confrontation, guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment, to bind a defendant charged with receiving stolen goods with a determination, made in a trial of the thieves, that the goods were stolen. The right to a hearing, guaranteed by due process clause, is as fundamental as the right of confrontation. Like the latter, it may not be ousted, as it was here, by making the determination in the *Party* case conclusive against petitioners.

This due process defect is magnified because the factual issue on which petitioners were concluded—that the Party is a Communist-action organization—supplies the only conceivable constitutional justification for the registration orders. Yet *United States* v. *Carolene Products Co.*, 304 U. S. 144, 152, states "that a statute would deny due process which precluded the disproof in judicial proceedings of all facts which would show or tend to show that a statute depriving the suitor of life, liberty or property had a rational basis."

The situation is further aggravated by the fact that in the *Party* case the Board found that the Party was a Communist-action organization as of April 20, 1953, the date of the Board's order. Yet petitioners have been ordered to register some ten years later.

This unrebuttable projection of a supposed state of affairs from one period to a substantially later time is clearly arbitrary. This is particularly so here because, as stated in the Chief Justice's dissent in the *Party* case (367 U. S. at 133 n. 11), the finding against the Party was itself based on a "dubious" presumption of continuity applied to "stale evidence" of pre-1940 events.[18]

At the very least, due process requires that alleged members be given an opportunity to show that the finding against the Party is no longer tenable. This is so because in a changing world nothing is more arbitrary than a conclusive presumption that a condition once found to exist will remain permanent. Therefore it is a principle of due process that "the constitutionality of a statute predicated upon the existence of a particular state of facts may be challenged by showing to the court that those facts have ceased to exist." *United States* v. *Carolene Products Co.*, 304 U. S. 144, 153; *Chastleton Corporation* v. *Sinclair*, 264 U. S. 543.

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[18] The Supreme Court refused to pass on the sufficiency of the evidence against the Party (at 69).

The Act itself recognizes that organizations can change, for it allows a registered organization to apply once a year for cancellation of the registration on a showing that it is no longer a Communist-action or front organization. Act, sec. 13(b) and (i) (50 U. S. C. 792(b) and (i)). The Supreme Court relied on this provision in holding in the *Party* case that the Act is not a bill of attainder. Because of this provision, the Court said (at 87), "Far from attaching to the past the ineradicable actions of an organization, the application of the registration section is made to turn upon continuously contemporaneous fact; its obligations arise only because, and endure only so long as, an organization presently conducts operations of a described character." This observation is not true, however, if, as is the situation here and in all other cases of individuals ordered to register under section 8(a), the Party has failed to register. For the Act does not permit an unregistered organization to obtain a redetermination of its status. Nor can a member obtain such a redetermination.[19] Petitioners are, therefore, forever bound by the Board's 1953 determination concerning the Party. The application of the registration section to them does attach to "past and ineradicable actions" and not to "continuously contemporaneous fact." Accordingly, with respect to petitioners, the Act is a bill of attainder, as well as a violation of due process.[20]

2. Under the Act, the Board's 1953 determination that the Communist Party was a Communist-action organization is binding on petitioners not only in the proceedings before the Board, but also in criminal prosecutions for non-compliance with the order. Also binding in such prose-

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[19] A person registered as a member can apply for a redetermination that he is no longer a member. Act, sec. 13(b) and (i)(2).

[20] In *National Council* v. *S.A.C.B.*, No. 13,260, decided May 16, 1963, this Court stated that an organization charged with being a Communist-front could constitutionally be bound by the Board's finding that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization. The statement was unnecessary to decision, and no reasoning was advanced in its support. We submit that it should not be followed.

cutions for non-compliance at some date as yet unknown are the Board's determinations, made in October 1962 and January 1963, respectively, that petitioners are members of the Party. The Act thus subjects petitioners to criminal punishment without a judicial trial and jury determination of essential elements of the criminal offense. In this respect, the Act and the Board's orders violate the following provisions of the Constitution: Article III, sec. 2, cl. 3, requiring trial of crimes by jury; the Sixth Amendment, requiring jury trial and indictment by grand jury; due process of law; Article III, sec. 1, vesting the judicial power in the courts; and Article I, sec. 9, cl. 3, prohibiting bills of attainder.

This same issue arises in *Communist Party* v. *United States*, No. 17,583, pending in this Court. To avoid repetition, we incorporate herein by reference the argument made on the subject in that case (Brief for Appellant, Point III, pp. 28-33). We add only that the constitutional defect is greater in the present case. The Party at least had an administrative hearing on the issue of whether it was a Communist-action organization. Petitioners have not even had that. Furthermore, petitioners are excluded by the Board findings of membership at a past date from a judicial trial of whether they are members at the time registration becomes mandatory.

CONCLUSION

The orders of the Board should be set aside.

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APPENDIX

Statutes and Regulations Involved

1. Subversive Activities Control Act

The Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, 64 Stat. 987, 50 U. S. C. 781 ff., as amended, provides in part as follows:

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION

SEC. 2. As a result of evidence adduced before various committees of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Congress hereby finds that—

(1) There exists a world Communist movement which, in its origins, its development, and its present practice, is a world-wide revolutionary movement whose purpose it is, by treachery, deceit, infiltration into other groups (governmental and otherwise), espionage, sabotage, terrorism, and any other means deemed necessary, to establish a Communist totalitarian dictatorship in the countries throughout the world through the medium of a world-wide Communist organization.

(2) The establishment of a totalitarian dictatorship in any country results in the suppression of all opposition to the party in power, the subordination of the rights of individuals to the state, the denial of fundamental rights and liberties which are characteristic of a representative form of government, such as freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly, and of religious worship, and results in the maintenance of control over the people through fear, terrorism, and brutality.

(3) The system of government known as a totalitarian dictatorship is characterized by the existence of a single political party, organized on a dictatorial basis, and by substantial identity between such party and its policies and the government and governmental policies in the country in which it exists.

(4) The direction and control of the world Communist movement is vested in and exercised by the Communist dictatorship of a foreign country.

(5) The Communist dictatorship of such foreign country, in exercising such direction and control and in furthering the purposes of the world Communist movement, establishes or causes the establishment of, and utilizes, in various countries, action organizations which are not free and independent organizations, but are sections of a world-wide Communist organization and are controlled, directed, and subject to the discipline of the Communist dictatorship of such foreign country.

(6) The Communist action organizations so established and utilized in various countries, acting under such control, direction, and discipline, endeavor to carry out the objective of the world Communist movement by bringing about the overthrow of existing governments by any available means, including force if necessary, and setting up Communist totalitarian dictatorships which will be subservient to the most powerful existing Communist totalitarian dictatorship. Although such organizations usually designate themselves as political parties, they are in fact constituent elements of the world-wide Communist movement and promote the objectives of such movement by conspiratorial and coercive tactics, instead of through the democratic processes of a free elective system or through the freedom-preserving means employed by a political party which operates as an agency by which people govern themselves.

(7) In carrying on the activities referred to in paragraph (6), such Communist organizations in various countries are organized on a secret, conspiratorial basis and operate to a substantial extent through organizations, commonly known as "Communist fronts", which in most instances are created and maintained, or used, in such manner as to conceal the facts as to their true character and purposes and their membership. One result of this method of

operation is that such affiliated organizations are able to obtain financial and other support from persons who would not extend such support if they knew the true purposes of, and the actual nature of the control and influence exerted upon such "Communists fronts".

(8) Due to the nature and scope of the world Communist movement, with the existence of affiliated constituent elements working toward common objectives in various countries of the world, travel of Communist members, representatives, and agents from country to country facilitates communication and is a prerequisite for the carrying on of activities to further the purposes of the Communist movement.

(9) In the United States those individuals who knowingly and wilfully participate in the world Communist movement, when they so participate, in effect repudiate their allegiance to the United States, and in effect transfer their allegiance to the foreign country in which is vested the direction and control of the world Communist movement.

(10) In pursuance of communism's stated objectives, the most powerful existing Communist dictatorship has, by the methods referred to above, already caused the establishment in numerous foreign countries of Communist totalitarian dictatorships, and threatens to establish similar dictatorships in still other countries.

(11) The agents of communism have devised clever and ruthless espionage and sabotage tactics which are carried out in many instances in form or manner successfully evasive of existing law.

(12) The Communist network in the United States is inspired and controlled in large part by foreign agents who are sent into the United States ostensibly as attaches of foreign legations, affiliates or international organizations, members of trading commissions, and in similar capacities, but who use their diplomatic or semi-diplomatic status as

a shield behind which to engage in activities prejudicial to the public security.

(13) There are, under our present immigration laws, numerous aliens who have been found to be deportable, many of whom are in the subversive, criminal, or immoral classes who are free to roam the country at will without supervision or control.

(14) One device for infiltration by Communists is by procuring naturalization for disloyal aliens who use their citizenship as a badge for admission into the fabric of our society.

(15) The Communist movement in the United States is an organization numbering thousands of adherents, rigidly and ruthlessly disciplined. Awaiting and seeking to advance a moment when the United States may be so far extended by foreign engagements, so far divided in counsel, or so far in industrial or financial straits, that overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence may seem possible of achievement, it seeks converts far and wide by an extensive system of schooling and indoctrination. Such preparations by Communist organizations in other countries have aided in supplanting existing governments. The Communist organization in the United States, pursuing its stated objectives, the recent successes of Communist methods in other countries, and the nature and control of the world Communist movement itself, present a clear and present danger to the security of the United States and to the existence of free American institutions, and make it necessary that Congress, in order to provide for the common defense, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States as an independent nation, and to guarantee to each State a republican form of government, enact appropriate legislation recognizing the existence of such world-wide conspiracy and designed to prevent it from accomplishing its purpose in the United States.

DEFINITIONS

Sec. 3. For the purposes of this title—

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(3) The term "Communist-action organization" means—

(a) any organization in the United States (other than a diplomatic representative or mission of a foreign government accredited as such by the Department of State) which (i) is substantially directed, dominated, or controlled by the foreign government or foreign organization controlling the world Communist movement referred to in section 2 of this title, and (ii) operates primarily to advance the objectives of such world Communist movement as referred to in section 2 of this title * * *.

(5) The term "Communist organization" means any Communist-action organization, Communist-front organization, or Communist-infiltrated organization.

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(7) The term "facility" means any plant, factory or other manufacturing, producing or service establishment, airport, airport facility, vessel, pier, water-front facility, mine, railroad, public utility, laboratory, station, or other establishment or facility, or any part, division, or department of any of the foregoing. The term "defense facility" means any facility designated by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to section 5(b) of this title and which is in compliance with the provisions of such subsection respecting the posting of notice of such designation.

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CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS

Sec. 4.(a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to combine, conspire, or agree with any other person to perform any act which would substantially contribute to the establishment within the United States of a totalitarian

dictatorship, as defined in paragraph (15) of section 3 of this title, the direction and control of which is to be vested in, or exercised by or under the domination or control of, any foreign government, foreign organization, or foreign individual: *Provided, however*, That this subsection shall not apply to the proposal of a constitutional amendment.

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(c) It shall be unlawful for any agent or representative of any foreign government, or any officer or member of any Communist organization as defined in paragraph (5) of section 3 of this title, knowingly to obtain or receive, or attempt to obtain or receive, directly or indirectly, from any officer or employee of the United States or of any department or agency thereof or of any corporation the stock of which is owned in whole or in major part by the United States or any department or agency thereof, any information of a kind which shall have been classified by the President (or by the head of any such department, agency, or corporation with the approval of the President) as affecting the security of the United States, unless special authorization for such communication shall first have been obtained from the head of the department, agency, or corporation having custody of or control over such information.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than $10,000, or imprisonment for not more than ten years, or by both such fine and such imprisonment, and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible to hold any office, or place of honor, profit, or trust created by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

* * *

(f) Neither the holding of office nor membership in any Communist organization by any person shall constitute per se a violation of subsection (a) or subsection (c) of this section or of any other criminal statute. The fact

of the registration of any person under section 7 or section 8 of this title as an officer or member of any Communist organization shall not be received in evidence against such person in any prosecution for any alleged violation of subsection (a) or subsection (c) of this section or for any alleged violation of any other criminal statute.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 5.(a) When a Communist organization, as defined in paragraph (5) of section 3 of this title, is registered or there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register, it shall be unlawful—

(1) For any member of such organization, with knowledge or notice that such organization is so registered or that such order has become final—

(A) in seeking, accepting, or holding any nonelective office or employment under the United States, to conceal or fail to disclose the fact that he is a member of such organization; or

(B) to hold any nonelective office or employment under the United States; or

(C) in seeking, accepting, or holding employment in any defense facility, to conceal or fail to disclose the fact that he is a member of such organization; or

(D) if such organization is a Communist-action organization, to engage in any employment in any defense facility; or

(E) to hold office or employment with any labor organization, as that term is defined in section 2(5) of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended (29 U. S. C. 152), or to represent any employer in any matter or proceeding arising or pending under that Act.

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(b) The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to designate and proclaim, and from time to time revise,

a list of facilities, as defined in paragraph (7) of section 3 of this title, with respect to the operation of which he finds and determines that the security of the United States requires the application of the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. The Secretary shall promptly notify the management of any facility so listed; whereupon such management shall immediately post conspicuously, and thereafter while so listed keep posted, notice of such designation in such form and in such place or places as to give reasonable notice thereof to all employees of, and to all applicants for employment in, such facility. Such posting shall be sufficient to give notice of such designation to any person subject thereto or affected thereby. * * *

DENIAL OF PASSPORTS TO MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS

SEC. 6.(a) When a Communist organization as defined in paragraph (5) of section 3 of this title is registered, or there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register, it shall be unlawful for any member of such organization, with knowledge or notice that such organization is so registered or that such order has become final—

(1) to make application for a passport, or the renewal of a passport, to be issued or renewed by or under the authority of the United States; or

(2) to use or attempt to use any such passport.

(b) When an organization is registered, or there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring an organization to register, as a Communist-action organization, it shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the United States to issue a passport to, or renew the passport of, any individual knowing or having reason to believe that such individual is a member of such organization.

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REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST-ACTION ORGANIZATIONS

SEC. 8.(a) Any individual who is or becomes a member of any organization concerning which (1) there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring such organization to register under section 7(a) of this title as a Communist-action organization, (2) more than thirty days have elapsed since such order has become final, and (3) such organization is not registered under section 7 of this title as a Communist-action organization, shall within sixty days after said order has become final, or within thirty days after becoming a member of such organization, whichever is later, register with the Attorney General as a member of such organization.

(b) Each individual who is or becomes a member of any organization which he knows to be registered as a Communist-action organization under section 7(a) of this title, but to have failed to include his name upon the list of members thereof filed with the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of section 7 of this title, shall, within sixty days after he shall have obtained such knowledge, register with the Attorney General as a member of such organization.

(c) The registration made by any individual under subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall be accompanied by a registration statement to be prepared and filed in such manner and form, and containing such information, as the Attorney General shall by regulations prescribe.

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KEEPING OF REGISTERS; PUBLIC INSPECTION; REPORTS TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS

SEC. 9.(a) The Attorney General shall keep and maintain separately in the Department of Justice—

(1) a "Register of Communist-Action Organizations", which shall include (A) the names and ad-

dresses of all Communist-action organizations registered under section 7, (B) the registration statements and annual reports filed by such organizations thereunder, and (C) the registration statements filed by individuals under section 8; * * *.

(b) Such registers shall be kept and maintained in such manner as to be open for public inspection* * *.

USE OF MAILS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF INTERSTATE OR FOREIGN COMMERCE

SEC. 10. It shall be unlawful for any organization which is registered under section 7, or for any organization with respect to which there is in effect a final order of the Board requiring it to register under section 7, or determining that it is a Communist-infiltrated organization, or for any person acting for or on behalf of any such organization—

(1) to transmit or cause to be transmitted, through the United States mails or by any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce, any publication which is intended to be, or which it is reasonable to believe is intended to be, circulated or disseminated among two or more persons, unless such publication, and any envelope, wrapper, or other container in which it is mailed or otherwise circulated or transmitted, bears the following, printed in such manner as may be provided in regulations prescribed by the Attorney General, with the name of the organization appearing in lieu of the blank: "Disseminated by ....., a Communist organization"; or

(2) to broadcast or cause to be broadcast any matter over any radio or television station in the United States, unless such matter is preceded by the following statement, with the name of the organization being stated in place of the blank: "The following program is sponsored by ....., a Communist organization".

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REGISTRATION PROCEEDINGS BEFORE BOARD

Sec. 13.(a) Whenever the Attorney General shall have reason to believe that any organization which has not registered under subsection (a) or subsection (b) of section 7 of this title is in fact an organization of a kind required to be registered under such subsection, or that any individual who has not registered under section 8 of this title is in fact required to register under such section, he shall file with the Board and serve upon such organization or individual a petition for an order requiring such organization or individual to register pursuant to such subsection or section, as the case may be. Each such petition shall be verified under oath, and shall contain a statement of the facts upon which the Attorney General relies in support of his prayer for the issuance of such order.

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(g) If, after hearing upon a petition filed under subsection (a) of this section, the Board determines—

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(2) that an individual is a member of a Communist-action organization (including an organization required by final order of the Board to register under section 7(a)), it shall make a report in writing in which it shall state its findings as to the facts and shall issue and cause to be served on such individual an order requiring him to register as such under section 8 of this title.

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JUDICIAL REVIEW

Sec. 14.(a) The party aggrieved by any order entered by the Board under subsections (g), (h), (i), or (j) of section 13, or subsections (f) of section 13A, may obtain a review of such order by filing in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, within sixty days from the date of service upon it of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Board be set aside.

A copy of such petition shall be forthwith served upon the Board, and thereupon the Board shall certify and file in the court a transcript of the entire record in the proceeding, including all evidence taken and the report and order of the Board. Thereupon the court shall have jurisdiction of the proceeding and shall have power to affirm or set aside the order of the Board; * * *.

(b) Any order of the Board issued under section 13, or subsection (f) of section 13A, shall become final—

(1) upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing a petition for review, if no such petition has been duly filed within such time; or

(2) upon the expiration of the time allowed for filing a petition for certiorari, if the order of the Board has been affirmed or the petition for review dismissed by a United States Court of Appeals, and no petition for certiorari has been duly filed; or

(3) upon the denial of a petition for certiorari, if the order of the Board has been affirmed or the petition for review dismissed by a United States Court of Appeals; or

(4) upon the expiration of ten days from the date of issuance of the mandate of the Supreme Court, if such Court directs that the order of the Board be affirmed or the petition for review dismissed.

PENALTIES

SEC. 15.(a) If there is in effect with respect to any organization or individual a final order of the Board requiring registration under section 7 or section 8 of this title—

* * *

(2) each individual having a duty under subsection (h) of section 7 to register or to file any registration statement or annual report on behalf of such organization, and each individual having a duty to register under section 8, shall, upon conviction of failure to so register or to file any such registration statement or annual report, be punished for

each such offense by a fine of not more than $10,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

For the purposes of this subsection, each day of failure to register, whether on the part of the organization or any individual, shall constitute a separate offense.

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(c) Any organization which violates any provision of section 10 of this title shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for each such violation by a fine of not more than $10,000. Any individual who violates any provision of sections 5, 6, or 10 of this title shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for each such violation by a fine of not more than $10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2. Regulations of the Attorney General

Order No. 250-61, issued by the Attorney General on October 3, 1961, effective October 7, 1961, prescribing regulations to carry out the provisions of sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Subversive Activities Control Act, 28 C. F. R. Part 11, provides in pertinent part as follows:

Section 11.206 *Form for registration of individuals.*

Each individual required to register pursuant to section 8(a) or (b) of the act shall accomplish such registration on a form hereby designated as Form IS-52a. This form is available at the Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., and may be obtained in person or by mail.

Section 11.207 *Form for registration statement of individuals.*

Registration statements of individuals shall be prepared and filed in duplicate with the Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. Filing may be made in person or by mail and shall be deemed to have

taken place upon receipt thereof. Such registration statement shall be on a form hereby designated as Form IS-52, copies of which are available at the Internal Security Division.

3. Forms Prescribed by the Attorney General

Form IS-52a is as follows:

Form No. IS-52a
(Ed. 9-6-61)

Budget Bureau No. 43-R414
Approval expires July 31, 1966

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUALS

Pursuant to Section 8(a) or (b) of
the Internal Security Act of 1950

(NOTE: This form should be accompanied by a Registration Statement, Form IS-52)

..... hereby
(Name of individual—Print or type)

registers as a member of .....,
a Communist-action organization.

/s/ .....
(Signature) (Date)

.....
(Typed or printed name) (Date)

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(Address—type or print)

Form IS-52 is as follows:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM IS-52

for

REGISTRATION STATEMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS

Pursuant to section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950

INSTRUCTION SHEET—READ CAREFULLY

1. All individuals required to register under section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 shall use this form for their registration statements.

2. Two copies of the statement are to be filed. An additional copy of the statement should be prepared and retained by the Registrant for future references.

3. The statement is to be filed with the Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

4. All items of the form are to be answered. Where the answer to an item is "None" or "inapplicable", it should be so stated.

5. Both copies of the statement are to be signed. The making of any willful false statement or the omission of any material fact is punishable under 18 U. S. Code, 1001.

6. If the space provided on the form for the answer to any given item is insufficient, reference shall be made in such space to a full insert page or pages on which the



item number and item shall be restated and the answer given.

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL:

a. Who is member of any Communist-action organization which has failed to file a registration statement as required by Section 7(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

OR

b. Who is a member of any organization which has registered as a Communist-action organization under Section 7(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 but which has failed to include the individual's name upon the list of members filed with the Attorney General.

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1. Name of the Communist-action organization of which Registrant was a member within the preceding twelve months.

2.(a) Name of Registrant.

(b) All other names used by Registrant during the past ten years and dates when used.

(c) Date of birth.

(d) Place of birth.

3.(a) Present business address.

(b) Present residence address.

4. If the Registrant is now or has within the past twelve months been an officer of the Communist-action organization listed in response to question number 1:

(a) List all offices so held and the dates when held.

(b) Give a description of the duties or functions performed during tenure of office.

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The undersigned certifies that he has read the information set forth in this statement, that he is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief. The undersigned further represents that he is familiar with the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, U. S. Code (printed at the bottom of this form).*

/s/ .....
(Signature) (Date)

/t/ .....
(Name) (date)
(Print or type)

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*18 U. S. C., Section 1001, provides: Whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

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Enclosed herewith for Bureau are two copies of Reply Brief for Petitioners, filed 9/16/63 in U. S. Court of Appeals, WDC, in captioned cases, Nos. 17492 and 17623, respectively. One copy each enclosed for New York and San Francisco.

WFO following in USCA, will advise of pertinent developments.

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Records of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., in Numbers 17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, v SACB, Respondent, and 17623, ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v SACB, reflect that on 9/16/63, attorneys for the petitioners filed a motion, consented to by attorneys for the respondent, asking the Court to allow each side one and one-half hours for oral argument. It is stated that both sides feel that this time is needed for adequate presentation of the issues.

The Court's file in the ALBERTSON case shows that on 9/26/63, the Clerk of the Court, notified counsel in these cases that this matter has been set for hearing in the USCA on 10/28/63.

The docket sheet in Numbers 17492 and 17623 reflects the filing of a 9/26/63 motion of the parties for leave to supplement the record with a stipulation concerning the waiver of production under 18 USC 3500. As of 10/3/63, this motion had not, as yet, been filed in

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the Clerk's file; as soon as it becomes available for review, additional details set forth therein will be furnished. It is possible this motion may refer to waiver of production of Departmental attorneys' notes and memoranda in connection with interviews of witnesses in these cases, as noted in WFOairtel of 9/27/63, captioned "GEORGE ALOYSIUS MEYERS, IS - C; ISA of 1950", Bufile 100-12076.

As of 10/3/63, available Court records in these cases did not indicate if the Court had acted on the above motions. WFO following in the USCA and will advise of developments.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: OCT 30 1963

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; ISA of 1950
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Re WFOlet 10/4/63 in the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR captions, Bufiles 65-38100 and 100-282013; and WFOlet 5/7/63.

The following cases are presently pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C.:

28 - Bureau
(2- 65-38100) (ALBERTSON)
(2- 100-375166) [redacted]
(2- 100-12583) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
(2- 100-39) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
(2- 100-8029) (BETTY GANNETT TORMEY)
(2- 61-7508) (ALBERT JASON LIMA)
(2- 100-54015) (BURT GALE NELSON)
(2- 100-98594) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
(2- 100-18459) (DOROTHY HEALEY)
(2- 100-282013) (ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR)
(2- 100-60055) (SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS)
(2- 100-108) (CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT)
(2- 100-36733) (SAMUEL KUSHNER)
(2- 100-40169) (FLORA HALL KUSHNER)
2 - Chicago (61-867) (LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
6 - Los Angeles (RM)
(2- 100-4486) (HEALEY)
(2- 100-39704) (SAMUEL KUSHNER)
(2- 100-40441) (FLORA HALL KUSHNER)
2 - Minneapolis (100-371) (S. K. DAVIS) (RM)
12 - New York (RM)
(2- 100-129629) (ALBERTSON)
(2- 100-93665) [redacted]
(2- 100-16021) (JOHNSON)
(2- 100-84275) (PATTERSON)
(2- 100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT TORMEY)
(2- 100-26018) (WEINSTOCK)
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(1- 100-24310) (ALBERTSON) (P)
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(1- 100-19112) (JOHNSON) (P*)
(1- 100-13145) (PATTERSON) (P*)
(1- 100-16902) (BETTY GANNETT TORMEY) (P*)
(1- 100-24251) (LIMA) (P*)
(1- 100-32743) (NELSON) (P*)
(1- 100-18460) (WEINSTOCK) (P*)
(1- 100-38748) (HEALEY) (P*)
(1- 100-41555) (PROCTOR) (P)
(1- 100-38662) (SAMUEL K. DAVIS) (P*)
(1- 100-2719) (LIGHTFOOT) (P*)
(1- 100-24566) (SAMUEL KUSHNER) (P*)
(1- 100-41617) (FLORA HALL KUSHNER) (P*)

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17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON
17493, MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER
17548, ARNOLD S. JOHNSON
17617, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
17618, BETTY GANNETT TORMEY
17619, ALBERT JASON LIMA
17620, BURT GALE NELSON
17621, LOUIS WEINSTOCK
17622, DOROTHY HEALEY
17623, ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
17816, CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT
17817, SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS
17916, SAMUEL KUSHNER
17917, FLORA HALL KUSHNER

As previously noted, the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases have been consolidated and a stipulation has been entered in these cases agreeing eventual disposition of the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases will be the disposition in form of judgments to be entered in all of the other captioned cases.

On 9/26/63 a consent motion, directed to all of the above cases in the USCA, was filed: "Motion for leave to supplement the record with the attached stipulation concerning the waiver of production under 18 U.S.C. 3500." Motion states: It appearing that the attorneys for petitioners and the attorneys for the respondent have stipulated concerning petitioners' waiver of production to the SACB of certain documents, and it appearing that these cases are before this Court on petitioners' petitions for review of orders of Respondent Board, respondent respectfully requests leave to file the attached stipulation to supplement the record in each of the above cases. (Motion notes it was submitted by the Justice Department, and consented to by FORER & ABT, attorneys for the petitioners.)

Attachment was entitled: "Stipulation of Waiver of Production Under Title 18 U.S.C. Section 3500," and stated: It has recently been ascertained that there are in existence some documents covering interviews between attorneys and witnesses in the above cases, which should be produced to the SACB for its in-camera inspection pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3500.

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By consent of the attorneys for petitioners, noted hereon, the production of these documents is waived.

On 10/15/63 Court order granted each side one hour for oral argument set for 10/28/63 in the U.S. Court of Appeals.

WFO following in USCA, will advise of pertinent developments.

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Mr. A. H. Sullivan October 24, 1963

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Reddy

UNITED STATES v. COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION HEARINGS BEFORE THE
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

On 10/22/63 oral argument was heard before Chief Judge David L. Bazelon and Justices Carl McGowan and Walter Bastian of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) on the appeals by William Albertson and Roscoe Quincy Proctor from the orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) that they register as Communist Party members pursuant to Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

As you will recall, the SACB has, following individual hearings, ordered 14 members of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, including Albertson and Proctor, to register with the Attorney General. These 14 cases have been consolidated on appeal, counsel for the respondents and the Government agreeing to only process the Albertson and Proctor cases and to be bound in the remaining 12 cases by the ultimate decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases.

Communist Party Attorneys John Abt and Joseph Forer split the oral argument for Albertson and Proctor and claimed that the membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 is unconstitutional since it violates (1) the 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, (2) the 1st Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and assembly, (3) the 4th Amendment privilege against the unwarranted extraction of information, and (4) the 5th Amendment guarantee of due process. In addition, Abt and Forer argued that the registration orders of the SACB constitute a bill of attainder since the 1953 determination by the SACB that the Communist Party, USA, is a communist action organization was being made conclusive against Albertson and Proctor who were not parties to that action.

Kevin Maroney, Chief of the Appeals Section, Internal Security Division, argued for the Government. Maroney rebutted each issue of unconstitutionality raised by Abt and Forer and was

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then subjected to searching questioning by Chief Judge Bazelon, who has consistently filed dissenting opinions on the occasions on which the registration provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 have been before this court in the past. As was true in the oral argument in the registration case against the Communist Party, USA, as an organization, Judge Bazelon appeared primarily concerned with the issue of unconstitutionality based upon the 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. It is interesting to note, however, that Judge Bazelon also raised the question as to whether the constitutional issues involved in the membership registration provision were being raised prematurely and need not be considered until such time as the Government may seek to bring criminal action against Albertson and Proctor for failure to obey the Board's registration order. Maroney argued strongly that all the constitutional issues involved should be met by the Court at this time.

OBSERVATIONS:

It cannot be anticipated when the DCCA will hand down a decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases. Regardless of the decision, however, the case will be taken to the Supreme Court, either by the Communist Party or the Government. The DCCA heard oral argument on 6/25/63 on the appeal by the Communist Party, USA, from its conviction for failure to register as an organization and it is possible that decisions in the Communist Party case and the Albertson and Proctor cases may come down simultaneously.

Meanwhile, and at least until these decisions are handed down, it appears that the Department plans to continue with additional administrative proceedings before the SACB involving violations of the membership registration provision by current Communist Party officials and members.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised of the decision of the DCCA in the Albertson and Proctor cases.

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA NEIL P. DIVERS, dated 5/16/63 at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Part I of this report contains admissible evidence and Part II contains inadmissible evidence.

The SAS of the FBI who observed subject's presence at CP Headquarters are [redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON and WARREN H. DUNN. Logs reflecting this information are maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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The SAS of the FBI who observed subject leave his residence on 11/8/63, are [redacted] and WILLIAM J. BARRON.

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ALBERTSON was made executive secretary of the NY District CP on 11/8/62. (report of 11/16/62).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of: NEIL P. DIVERS Office: New York, New York
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Field Office File #: 100-129629 Bureau File #: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY-C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT -1950

Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 86 West End Ave. Brooklyn, NY. He attended meetings of the CPUSA National Board during May and July, 1963; attended meeting of the NY District CP Committee during June, July and August, 1963; attended NY District CP Board meetings from May thru September, 1963. Observed entering and/or leaving CP headquarters on an almost daily basis from May through October, 1963. A hearing before the US Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. was scheduled for October 28, 1963 on the appeal of WILLIAM ALBERTSON of New York and ROSCOE PROCTOR of California against the ruling of the Subversive Activities Control Board that they must register as members of a "Communist-Action organization defined in the Mc Carran Act."

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DETAILS:

PART I

Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

CPUSA National Board Meeting

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present on May 8, 1963, at a meeting of the National Board of the CPUSA which was held at CP Headquarters.

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The agenda of this meeting was :

1. A discussion on desegregation activities in Birmingham, Alabama.
2. A report on the Italian elections.
3. A report on the coming National elections.

NY T-1
May 8, 1963

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests which was held at CP Headquarters on July 31, 1963. This meeting was called in order to hear a report on the present situation of the CP of Puerto Rico.

NY T-2
August 1, 1963

Meeting of National Organization Department, CPUSA

ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the National Organization Department, CPUSA which was held at CP Headquarters, New York City, on July 25, 1963, to discuss the precarious financial position of La Nueva Voz.

A characterization of La Nueva Voz is included in the Appendix attached hereto.

NY T-2
July 30, 1963

New York District CP Committee Meetings Attended

ALBERTSON on June 8, 1963, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Committee which was held at 85 East 4th Street, New York City. This meeting consisted of a report by ALBERTSON on the 1963-1964 elections.

NY T-3
June 13, 1963

ALBERTSON attended a CPUSA New York District Committee meeting on July 13, 1963, at 85 East 4th Street, New York City. At this meeting ROBERT THOMPSON gave a report on Civil Rights and on China-Soviet relations.

District Organization of New York District Communist Party

NY T-3
July 17, 1963

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By action of the New York District Board, New York District CP, on October 29, 1962, THOMPSON was elected District Organizer of the New York District CP.

NY T-3
October 30, 1962

On August 10, 1963, a CPUSA, New York District Committee meeting was held at 85 East 4th Street, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at this meeting and made a report on the New York City elections which are to take place this fall.

NY T-3
August 13, 1963

New York District CP Board Meetings Attended

ALBERTSON was in attendance at a CPUSA, New York District CP Board meeting which was held at the Second Avenue Manor, 23 Second Avenue, New York City, on May 20, 1963. ALBERTSON was one of the speakers at this affair and gave a report on housing which was put out by the CP.

NY T-3
May 22, 1963

On June 3, 1963, CPUSA, New York District Board meeting was held at the Second Avenue Manor, 23 Second Avenue, New York City. BILL ALBERTSON gave a report at this meeting on the financial situation of the New York District CP.

NY T-3
June 7, 1963

ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the New York District CP Board and invited guests which was held on June 17, 1963, at 23 Second Avenue, New York City. The entire meeting was devoted to a report on Puerto Rico which covered a broad survey of the politics, economy, independence movement, and condition of the Marxists groups in Puerto Rico.

NY T-2
June 25, 1963

ALBERTSON on June 17, 1963, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board which was held at 23 Second Avenue, New York City.

NY T-3
June 20, 1963

On July 22, 1963, a CPUSA, New York District Board meeting was held at 85 East 4th Street, New York City. BILL ALBERTSON in his report on peace stated that due to the Civil Rights demonstrations that are taking place not only in New York City but throughout the entire country, each party club should have a meeting every week to discuss the situation.

NY T-3
July 24, 1963

On July 29, 1963, a meeting of the CPUSA, New York District Board was held at Hellenic Hall, 269 West 25th Street, New York City. WILLIAM ALBERTSON announced the agenda at this meeting and also gave a brief report on the election picture.

NY T-3
August 1, 1963

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was one of the speakers on August 8, 1963, at a CPUSA, New York District Board meeting.

ALBERTSON gave a report on the march on Washington which was generally a review of the situation up to the present time. He added, however, that there was one problem concerning the march in that the Puerto Rican community was not rallying along the idea of combining themselves with the Negro people concerning this march. He said that this was probably due to the language barrier, and therefore, party comrades should try and get the Puerto Rican people to work more closely with the Negroes to make the march a success.

NY T-3
August 6, 1963

On September 9, 1963, a CPUSA New York District Board meeting was held at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City and ALBERTSON was in attendance.

NY T-3
September 17, 1963

On September 16, 1963, a meeting of the New York District CP Board was held at 85 East 4th Street, New York City, and ALBERTSON was present. This meeting was concerned with a discussion on finances and the Alabama Civil Rights struggle.

NY T-3
September 17, 1963

CP Club Meetings Attended

On August 6, 1963, a Kings County CP 6AD Club meeting was held in Brooklyn, New York and BILL ALBERTSON was in attendance. In his report he gave a general review of the elections, the Chinese-Soviet relations, and the nuclear test treaty. The main idea of the report was that the party should support the Soviets in their position against the Chinese.

NY T-3
August 7, 1963

OTHER

ALBERTSON, on July 11, 1963, attended a meeting at Central Plaza Hall, 111 Second Avenue, New York City, at which GUS HALL spoke on the topic "A Policy For Victory".

NY T-4
August 12, 1963

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July 17, 1963

NY T-6
July 12, 1963

NY T-7
July 18, 1963

NY T-2
July 12, 1963

NY T-8
July 16, 1963

NY T-9
July 18, 1963

NY T-10
July 16, 1963

NY T-11
July 19, 1963

GUS HALL is General Secretary of the CPUSA.

NY T-12
May 7, 1962

ALBERTSON on June 27, 1963, attended a buffet and reception in honor of HERB APTHEKER held at the Fraternal Club House, 110 West 48th Street, NYC.

NY T-3
July 1, 1963

NY T-10
July 3, 1963

HERB APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA at its 17th National Convention held December 10-13, 1959 in New York City.

NY T-13
December 13, 1959

ALBERTSON on June 23, 1963, attended a picnic at Camp Midvale, Wanaque, New Jersey, sponsored by the American Committee For The Protection of Foreign Born.

NY T-3
June 25, 1963

NY T-10
June 27, 1963

NY T-14
June 24, 1963

A characterization of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, operator of the Camp Midvale, is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ALBERTSON was in attendance at "The Worker" dinner which was held on October 6, 1963, at Palm Gardens, West 52nd Street, New York, New York.

NY T-5
October 10, 1963

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Presence at CP Headquarters

Subject's almost daily presence at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, were observed by Special Agents of the FBI from May, 1963, through October, 1963.

Miscellaneous

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NY T-15
September 17, 1963

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The person to be subpoenaed is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB)

"The Worker" of October 8, 1963, on page 3 contained an article entitled "Mc Carran Registration Appeal Hearing October 28". This article requested that the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington will hold a hearing October 28 on the appeal of WILLIAM ALBERTSON of New York and ROSCOE PROCTOR of California against the ruling of the Subversive Activities Control Board that they must register as members of a "Communist-Action organization defined in the Mc Carran Act."

LULU MAE THOMPSON, who was a member of the CP on behalf of the FBI from June, 1953 to March, 1962 has testified that PROCTOR, ROSCOE was elected to the membership of the National Committee of the CP at its convention in New York City, in December, 1959.

PART II

Communist Party (CP) Meetings Attended

CPUSA National Board Meeting

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests which was held at CP headquarters in New York City on May 15, 1963. At this meeting BENJAMIN J. DAVIS gave a report on the situation in Birmingham, Alabama.

NY T-16
May 15, 1963

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS on May 6, 1962 stated he is the National Secretary of the CPUSA.

NY T-10
May 7, 1962

ALBERTSON on July 31, 1963, attended a meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, and invited guests which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting was concerned with the present situation in Puerto Rico.

NY T-16
July 31, 1963

A meeting of the CPUSA National Board and invited guests took place on August 7, 1963 at CP headquarters, New York City, and ALBERTSON was in attendance. This meeting was mainly concerned with a discussion on the Test Ban Treaty recently negotiated with the Soviet Union.

NY T-16
August 7, 1963

Meetings of CP Functionaries

ALBERTSON was present on June 19, 1963, at a meeting of leading CPUSA functionaries which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting pertained to a discussion on the importance of the Negro Liberation Movement and on getting legislation abolishing segregation.

NY T-16
June 19, 1963

ALBERTSON on June 27, 1963, attended a meeting of leading CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, New York City. The meeting concerned itself exclusively with the need to improve both the content and circulation of "The Worker".

NY T-16
June 27, 1963

On August 5, 1963, ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of leading CP functionaries held in New York City which meeting was limited to the coming elections and the role of the CP.

NY T-16
August 5, 1963

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was present at a meeting of leading functionaries of the CPUSA which was held at CP headquarters on September 12, 1963. This meeting concerned itself in part with the need for closer unity between the national office and the clubs.

NY T-16
September 12, 1963

ALBERTSON was present on September 26, 1963, at a meeting of leading functionaries of the CPUSA and invited guests which was held at CP headquarters, New York City. At this meeting a report was made on "The Worker". ALBERTSON stated that he resented the way in which the New York District was giving its quota without any prior discussion.

He said that any time money is raised by the New York District it mostly goes to "The Worker".

NY T-16
September 26, 1963

New York District CP Staff Meetings

WILLIAM ALBERTSON was in attendance on August 12, 1963, at a meeting of the New York District CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters in New York City. This meeting was mainly concerned with the work of the CP in the Harlem area.

NY T-17
August 12, 1963

On August 13 and September 9, 1963, ALBERTSON was present at meetings of the New York District CP Staff which was held at CP headquarters, New York City.

NY T-17
August 13, 1963
and
September 9, 1963

ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York District CP Staff which was held on September 20, 1963 at CP headquarters in New York City. This meeting was mostly a discussion of the events around a youth picket line in the vicinity of the UN in New York City.

NY T-17
September 20, 1963

ALBERTSON was in attendance at a New York District CP Staff Meeting held on September 30, 1963 at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting was mostly concerned with business and financial matters.

NY T-18
September 30, 1963

At a meeting of the New York District CP Staff which was held on October 7, 1963, at CP headquarters in New York City, ALBERTSON stated that on the question of funds, if it were not for the New York District the Hall-Davis Defense Committee would be out of business.

NY T-17
October 7, 1963

A characterization of the Hall-Davis Defense Committee is included in the Appendix attached hereto.

PART III

Residence

On August 23, 1963, WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated that he resides at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn 35, New York.

NY T-19
August 23, 1963

ALBERTSON was observed to leave his residence by Special Agents of the FBI on November 8, 1963.

2. APPENDIX

"LA NUEVA VOZ"

MPI, New York Mission. NEGRON addressed the Seminar stating the MPI had to support FIDEL CASTRO and Russia because they were the only ones defending Puerto Rico's fight for independence. NEGRON also transported Cuban propaganda material from New York to Puerto Rico.

In the masthead of page two of the May 1, 1963, issue of "La Nueva Voz," it is noted that FELIX OJEDA is Director of "La Nueva Voz" with offices at 799 Broadway, New York 3, New York. Also in the masthead, is printer's label number 209 of the Allied Printing Trades Council of New York.

The official directory of union label printing offices in Greater New York, published by the Allied Printing Trades Council of Greater New York, denotes that union label number 209 is assigned to Prompt Printing Press, Incorporated.

1. APPENDIX

METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION
Formerly known as Nature Friends of
America, Inc., Operator of Camp Midvale

Nature Friends of America, Inc. (NFA) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of NFA held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a second source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well-being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present. . . . ."

On March 26, 1954, a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which, on page 1, states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The MRA, as of May 15, 1963, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

1. APPENDIX

THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A source advised on March 27, 1962, that GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), stated on March 26, 1962, that the Party will form a new committee known as the GUS HALL - BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee (H-DDC). The purpose of this committee is to raise $100,000 for the defense of HALL and DAVIS.

GUS HALL
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

HALL and DAVIS were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D.C., on March 15, 1962, charging them with violations of Sections 786 (h) and 794, Title 50, United States Code, in that they, as General Secretary and National Secretary, CPUSA, respectively, and as members of its National Board, willfully and unlawfully failed to register for and on behalf of the CPUSA with the Attorney General.

A second source furnished information on February 12, 1963, that the H-DDC had received a total of $41,799.18 in contributions for defense as of February 12, 1963.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of April 16, 1963, page 1, carried an appeal by the H-DDC, Room 1225, 22 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, asking for funds.

1. APPENDIX

"LA NUEVA VOZ"

On June 6, 1962, a source advised that the proposed Spanish - language newspaper to be published some time during the summer of 1962, received its initial impetus from the National leadership of the Communist Party (CP). The responsibility for publication of the paper would rest with the New York District organization of the CP since most of the Spanish speaking people reside in the New York City (NYC) area.

On June 26, 1962, a second source advised that on June 22, 1962, the "Comite Pro Periodico Hispano" held its first "open" meeting at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, NYC, attendance by invitation only. The Chairman of the "Comite" was FELIX OJEDA who spoke at length on the format of a bi-monthly Spanish-language newspaper. This newspaper deal with "oppression, exploitation and general discrimination of Puerto Ricans, Negroes, and Latin minorities in NYC and other sections of the country.

On July 9, 1962, the second source advised that the Spanish-language publication would be called "La Nueva Voz."

On February 27, 1963, the second source advised that the Editorial Board of "La Nueva Voz" includes FELIX OJEDA, JESUS COLON, and AUGUSTIN LOPEZ. "JIMMY" NEGRON is Secretary and Administrator of funds for "La Nueva Voz."

On December 3, 1962, a third source advised that as of November, 1962, FELIX OJEDA was a member of the CP Spanish Club of Manhattan, New York.

On June 27, 1962, the first source advised that JESUS COLON is a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On June 16, 1961, a fourth source advised that AUGUSTIN LOPEZ is a member of the Puerto Rican Club, Kings County, CP.

On June 13, 1962, a fifth source advised that "JIMMY" NEGRON attended a Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) Seminar at San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, June 8 through June 10, 1962, as a representative of the

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ReWFOlet 10/4/63, above caption; ReWFOlet 10/30/63 in ALBERTSON caption.

Records, United States Court of Appeals in the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases, Numbers 17492 and 17623, respectively, reflect Court, on 10/29/63, granted joint motion for leave to supplement the record, contents of which are set out in reWFOlet 10/30/63.

On 11/14/63, the government filed a "Supplemental Memorandum for the Respondent in Response to Request of the Court", which is as follows:

This memorandum is submitted in response to Chief Judge BAZELON's request during oral argument for a listing of those cases which support the government's position that it is not necessary, for purposes of the registration provisions of the Subversive Activities Control Act, to prove that an individual respondent supported, or had knowledge of, the unlawful purposes of the communist-action organization of which he is shown to be a member, but, to the contrary, that it is sufficient for the statutory and constitutional purposes to establish that the individual is an intentional and voluntary member of the organization which has been found to be a communist-action organization.

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During argument, reference was made to American Communications Association v. DOUDS, 339 U.S. 382 and KILLIAN v. United States, 368 U.S. 231. In the DOUDS case, the Supreme Court considered the constitutionality of the now repealed Section 9(h) of the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. (1958 Ed) 159(h), which required an affidavit from union officers that they were not a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party and that they did not believe in, and were not members of or supporters of any organization that believes in or teaches, the illegal or unconstitutional overthrow of the government. The statute, of course, speaks in the conjunctive, and the Court recognized that the two disqualifications, Communist Party membership or belief in violent overthrow were not necessarily identical, 339 U.S. at 406, and held, that because of the Congressional findings as to the nature of the Communist Party, restrictions on Party members or affiliates holding Union office were unconstitutional.

Though the Court in DOUDS did not discuss the precise standard to be applied to the term "member", in Section 9(h), it did set forth the standards to be used under the same statute in KILLIAN v. United States, supra. Petitioner KILLIAN had been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1001, the false statement statute, for falsely swearing in a Section 9(h) affidavit that he was not a member of the Communist Party. One of the two questions on which certiorari was granted, 365 U.S. 810, was the correctness of the trial court's instructions as to membership, and the Supreme Court approved the instruction, which defined "membership" as follows:

> "Membership in the Communist Party, the same as membership in any other organization, constitutes the state of being one of those persons who belong to or comprise the Communist Party. It connotes a status of mutuality between the individual and the organization. That is to say, there must be present the desire on the part of the individual to belong to the Communist Party and a recognition by that Party that it considers him as a member."

368 U.S. at 247, n. 5; 251. The Court reaffirmed the implications of DOUDS, supra that "innocent" membership in the Communist Party was constitutionally sufficient under the National Labor Relations Act, by stating (368 U.S. at 254):

> To petitioner's argument that the submitted criteria permitted the jury to find membership from statements and acts that were wholly innocent in themselves or even protected by the First Amendment, it is enough to recall that nothing in 9(h) or elsewhere in the National Labor Relations Act makes or purports to make criminal either membership in or affiliation with the Communist Party, American Communications Ass'n. v. DOUDS supra, 339 U.S., at 402, and that petitioner was not charged with criminality for being a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party, nor with participating in any criminal activities of or for the Communist Party, but only with having made and submitted to the Government an affidavit falsely swearing that he was not a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party in violation 18 U.S.C. 1001. It would be strange doctrine, indeed, to say that membership in the Communist Party -- when, as here, a lawful status -- cannot be proved by evidence of lawful acts and statements, but only by evidence of unlawful acts and statements.

Reference was also made during argument to the deportation cases involving Communist Party membership. Prior to the enactment of the ISA of 1950, Congress had provided for the deportation of an alien who became a member of "any organization that *** advocates the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States." Sections 1 and 2 of Act of 10/16/18, 40 Stat. 1012, 8 U.S.C. (1946 Ed.) 137, see HARRISIADES v. United States, 342 U.S. 580, at 593. Section 22 of the ISA of 1950, 64 Stat. 987, 1006 amended the immigration and naturalization law by providing for the deportation of "any alien who was at the time of entering the United States or has been at any time thereafter, a member of ....the Communist Party of the United States", 8 U.S.C.A. 1251 (6)(c). This amendment, of course, squarely presented the issue of whether or not deportation could be based on mere membership in the Communist Party - and, in some cases, membership many years prior to the deportation order. The Supreme Court first considered this issue in GALVAN v. Press, 347 U.S. 522.

In 1950, petitioner GALVAN was ordered deported on the specific ground that he had been a member of the Communist Party from 1944 to 1946. 347 U.S. 523-524. On appeal to the Supreme Court, GALVAN contended that there was insufficient evidence to support the deportation order and, in the words of the Court, "urged (it) to construe the Act as providing for the deportation of only those aliens who joined the Communist Party fully conscious of its advocacy of violence, and who, by so joining, thereby committed themselves to this violent purpose." Id. at 526. In the face of this contention, the Court concluded (Id. at 528):

> That support, or even demonstrated knowledge, of the Communist Party's advocacy of violence was not intended to be a prerequisite to deportation. It is enough that the alien joined the Party, aware that he was joining an organization known as the Communist Party which operates as a distinct and active political organization, and that he did so of his own free will. A fair reading of legislation requires that this scope be given to what Congress enacted in 1950, however severe the consequences and whatever view one may have of the wisdom of the means which Congress employed to meet its desired end.

On this basis, the Hearing Officer's finding that petitioner here was a "member" of the Communist Party must be sustained. Petitioner does not claim that he joined the Party "accidentally, artificially or unconsciously in appearance only," to use the words in Senator MC CARRAN's memorandum. The two points on which he bases his defense against the deportation order are, first, that he did not join the Party at all, and that if he did join, he was unaware of the Party's true purposes and program. The evidence which must have been believed and relied upon for the Hearing Officer's finding that petitioner was a "member" is that petitioner was asked to join the Party by a man he assumed to be an organizer, that he attended

> a number of meetings and that he did not apply for citizenship because he feared his Party membership would become known to the authorities. In addition, on the basis of Mrs. MEZA's testimony, the Hearing Officer was entitled to conclude that petitioner had been active in the Spanish Speaking Club, and indeed, one of its officers. Certainly there was sufficient evidence to support a finding of membership. And even if petitioner was unaware of the Party's advocacy of violence, as he attempted to prove, the record does not show a relationship to the Party so nominal as not to make him a "member" within the terms of the Act.

And, in view of the legislative findings concerning the nature of the Communist Party in Section 2 of the Act, 50 U.S.C. 781, the Court held petitioner's constitutional attack unavailing. Id. at 529-532.

GALVAN v. Press, supra, has, of course, been followed by the lower courts, including cases involving individuals who have been deported on the basis of Party membership from 1929 to 1936, SCHLEICH v. BUTTERFIELD, 252 F(2d) 191, (C.A. 6) certiorari denied 358 U.S. 814; Party membership from 1935-1939, AURAMOVICH v. LEHMANN, 235 F(2d) 260; (C.A. 6) certiorari denied, 355 U.S. 905; and in 1947-1950, WELLMAN v. United States, 253 F (2d) 932 (C.A. 6). The Supreme Court itself, has had occasion to re-examine its GALVAN v. Press holding. In ROWOLDT v. PERFETTO, 355 U.S. 115 and GASTELLUM-QUINONES v. KENNEDY, 374 U.S. 469, the Court, though reversing deportation orders by strictly applying the rule of GALVAN v. Press, supra, reaffirmed that case, holding that the "meaningful association" necessary is "joining an organization known as the Communist Party which operates as a distinct and active political organization..." ROWOLDT, supra, 355 U.S., at 120, quoting GALVAN; GASTELLUM-QUINONES, supra, 374 U.S., at 473-474.

Though we do not believe that the strict standard of "membership" imposed in applying the deportation provisions is applicable to the registration provisions of the Act, we submit that if the sanction of deportation can

be imposed for membership in the Communist Party without the necessity of proving support or even demonstrated knowledge of, the Party's advocacy of violence or other illegal objectives, the act of registration may be premised on "membership" as that term is defined in DOUDS and KILLIAN, supra. This is particularly so, since deportation is, in many cases, based on Party membership antedating the deportation order by many years. And, while we are aware of the possible distinction in these cases because of the traditional power of a nation over aliens, we believe this is more than offset by the differences in the sanctions - deportation vis-a-vis registration, and, more importantly, by the fact that registration is only required of an individual who is or becomes a member of an organization after the individual is put on notice, by a final order of the Board, of the organization's character as a Communist-action organization, 50 U.S.C. 787.

In short, the Supreme Court's decisions in DOUDS and KILLIAN, and by analogy, the Court's decisions in the deportation cases, support our view that registration may be constitutionally required of "members" of a communist-action organization without a showing of support or knowledge of the organization's illegal activities other than notice of the final order when the proof satisfies the standards set forth in KILLIAN and quoted, supra.

On 11/15/63, attorneys for ALBERTSON and PROCTOR filed a "Motion for Leave to File Memoranda After Argument", stating that the first is a reply to the supplemental memorandum filed by the government; and the second deals with legislative history of Sections 4(f), 5 and 6 of the Subversive Activities Control Act which contains material coming to counsel's attention after argument, and which is relevant to interpretation of the second sentence of Section 4(f).

As of 11/20/63, when USCA records were checked, the Court had not, as yet, acted on the above motion; and the Bureau should note that the following data contained in petitioners' memoranda has not been made part of the Clerk of the Court's file, and will not become part of the file until the Court permits it. The memoranda are as follows:

I. PETITIONER'S REPLY TO RESPONDENT'S SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED AFTER ARGUMENT.

The government's memorandum is devoted to the proposition that membership registration may be constitutionally required without a showing that the member supported or had knowledge of any unlawful purposes of the organization. It cites American Communications Association v. DOUDS, 339 U.S. 382, which sustained a requirement that union officers file non-communist affidavits as a prerequisite to the union's access to the National Labor Relations Board. Then it cites KILLIAN v. United States, 368 U.S. 231, as holding that in a prosecution for filing a false non-communist affidavit, it is not necessary to show that the Party membership which had been falsified was criminal in nature.

By posing the constitutional issue as one of scienter, the government addresses itself to the wrong question. Accordingly, its answer is bound to be irrelevant.

DOUDS applied the balancing test in holding that the non-communist affidavit provision of Section 9(h) inhibited any member of the Communist Party from holding trade union office, regardless of his scienter, the case may be said to stand for the proposition that some legislation which has a restrictive effect on Communist Party membership may survive the balancing test without requiring proof of the members' knowledge of dangerous or unlawful Party activity. But this adds nothing to what Communist Party v. S.A.C.B., 367 U.S. 1, held with regard to the registration requirements of the Act. For the Party case applied the balancing test so as to uphold compelled disclosure of the identity of Party members, without limiting the disclosure to members who had guilty knowledge or participation.

The real First Amendment questions in this case, to which the government's memorandum is oblivious, are two.

First, if this is a case to which the balancing test is applicable, how is the balance to be struck? In DOUDS, it was struck in the government's favor because the restraint there involved was found a) to be important for

the protection of interstate commerce (at 388-89, 390-91, 401) and b) to affect only a few members of the Communist Party and these not seriously (at 403-04). In the Party case, the balance was resolved in favor of compulsory disclosure of the identity of the members on the ground that their "mask of anonymity" enabled them "to cover over a foreign-directed conspiracy, infiltrate into other groups, and enlist the support of persons who would not, if the truth were revealed, lend their support" (at 102-03).

But here the government's side of the scales is empty. A member registration order requires two things: (1) The member must list himself as a member of the Communist Party, which he must describe as a communist-action organization. (2) The member must file a registration statement containing information demanded by the Attorney General. The first requirement does not meet the balancing test because it is superfluous, supplying no information that the government has not already acquired and published by the finding of the SACB (Pet. Br. 19). The second requirement, as construed by the government (Br. 33-34) to avoid Fourth Amendment and excessive delegation objections, is limited to the furnishing of a few incidental items of information - the registrant's name and address, which the government already has, the title and duties of his Party office, if any, and any aliases. The public need for these tidbits is not shown, and certainly cannot outweigh the damage to First Amendment interests caused by the orders' features of self-defamation, forswearing, infringement of conscience and intrusion into privacy (Pet. Br. 20-22). Moreover, the demand for the information required by the registration statement clearly violates the privilege against self-incrimination (Pet. Br. 11).

The second First Amendment question which this case presents is whether the restriction here of First Amendment rights is only the incidental effect of an otherwise valid regulation, as in the Party case and DOUDS, or whether the restraint is imposed directly on the exercise of rights which the Amendment protects, as in THOMAS v. COLLINS, 332 U.S. 516. If, as we think, it is the latter, then the clear and present danger test rather than the balancing test is applicable. In that event, the member registration provisions are invalid not merely for lack of a scienter requirement but also because they do not require bad intent and activity. See our Principal Brief, pp. 24-26.

As for GALVAN v. Press, supra, the government itself seems to realize (Mem. 7) that it has nothing to do with this case. GALVAN simply held (at 530-31) that substantive due process is not a limitation on the power of Congress to expel aliens. The decision was reached "only on historical grounds" (KIMM v. ROSENBERG, 363 U.S. 405, 415, dissent); it is confined to the deportation field; and the Court has since manifested its remorse by straining to alleviate by construction the statute which GALVAN upheld. ROWOLDT v. PERFETTO, 355 U.S. 115; GASTELUM-QUINONES v. KENNEDY, 374 U.S. 469.

II. PETITIONER'S SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM ON HISTORY RELATING TO SCOPE OF SECTION 4(f).

We have heretofore pointed out (Pet. Br. 15; Pet. Reply Br. 6) that one of the several reasons for the inadequacy of Section 4(f) of the Act to oust the privilege against self-incrimination is that by its terms it does not preclude the receipt in evidence of the fact of a person's registration as a member of the Communist Party in any prosecution of the registrant for violating the employment or passport provisions of Section 5 and 6. The legislative history of the Act confirms our argument, for it shows that the antecedent House Bill contained express prohibitions against such evidentiary use of the fact of registration, but that these were eliminated by the Senate and from the Bill as enacted. In short, the non-coverage of Section 5 and 6 prosecutions was intentional and therefore cannot be cured by judicial construction along the lines urged by the government.

The House version of the Act was H.R. 9490, 81st Cong., 2d Sess. Section 4(ê) of this Bill, as it passed the House, contained the substance of what became Section 4(f) of the Act. It provided:

> "(ê) The fact of the registration of any person under Section 7 or section 8 of this Act as an officer or member of any Communist organization shall not be received in evidence against such person in any prosecution for any alleged violation of subsection (b̈) of this section* or for any alleged violation of any other criminal statute."

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* Section 4(f) of the Act refers to "subsection (a) or subsection (c) of this section." Sec. 4(b) of the House Bill contained the substance of what became Section 4(c) of the Act. The Bill contained no provision paralleling Section 4(a) of the Act.

Sections 5 and 6 of the House Bill likewise restricted the evidentiary use of the fact of registration in prosecutions for violations of these sections. Section 5(f) of the Bill provided:

> "(f) The fact of the registration of any person under Section 7 or Section 8 of this Act as an officer or a member of any communist organization shall not be received in evidence against such person in any prosecution for any alleged violation of subsections (a) and (c) of this section".**

** Section 5(a) and (c) of the House Bill contained the substance of what appears as Section 5(a) of the Act.

Section 6(b) of the Bill provided:

> "(b) The fact of the registration of any person under Section 7 or Section 8 of this Act, as an officer or a member of any communist organization shall not be received in evidence against such person in any prosecution for any alleged violation of subsection (a) of this section." *

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* Section 6(a) of the House Bill was identical with Section 6(a) of the Act.

It is clear from the inclusion of Sections 5(f) and 6(b) in the House Bill that the House intended the words "any other criminal statute," as used in Section 4(e), to be given a literal interpretation and to exclude offenses created by the Bill itself. Otherwise, Sections 5(f) and 6(b) would have been superfluous.

The Senate version of the Act was based on S. 2311, 81st Cong., 1st Sess. As introduced, it contained no restriction on the evidentiary use of the fact of registration. But as amended in committee and passed by the Senate, the Bill included a Section 4(f), which provided as follows:**

** The Committee amendment appears in S. Rep. No. 1358, 81st Cong., 2d Sess., to accompany S. 2311, p. 2

> "The fact of the registration of any person under section 7 or Section 8 of this Act as an officer or member of any communist organization shall not be received in evidence against such person in any prosecution for any alleged violation of subsection (a) or subsection (c) of this section."***

*** Subsections 4(a) and 4(c) of the Senate Bill contained the substance of the provisions of these subsections as they appear in the Act.

The Senate Bill, however, contained no restrictions on the evidentiary use of the fact of registration in prosecutions for violations of Sections 5 and 6.

The legislation as reported out by the conference committee and enacted eliminated the provisions of Sections 5(f) and 6(b) of the House Bill.*

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* The Conference Report is H.R. Rep. No. 3112, 81st Cong., 2d Sess., to accompany H.R. 9490.

It added to the Senate version of the second sentence of Section 4(f) the words, "or for any alleged violation of any other criminal statute," which were taken from Section 4(e) of the House Bill. As we have seen, however, these words were never intended to be applicable to violations of Section 5 or 6.

The evident Congressional intent which thus appears both from the literal meaning of the words of Section 4(f) and from the legislative history may not be disregarded, as respondent proposes (Br. 14), in the interest of squaring the member-registration provisions of the Act with the privilege against self-incrimination. SCALES v. United States, 367 U.S 203, 219.

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Records, U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington,D.C., ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases, Nos. 17492 and 17623, show that on 12/9/63, Court granted petitioners' motion for leave to file memoranda after argument, and directed the Clerk to file same.

Contents of the memoranda are set forth on pages 7-12 of reWFOlet.

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Records, U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C. # 17492 and # 17623, ALBERTSON and PROCTOR, respectively, as of 1/27/64, reflect that a decision has not, as yet, been rendered in these cases.

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Records of the U. S. Court of Appeals, (USCA), Washington, D. C. (WDC), #17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON v. SACB, and #17623, ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v. SACB, reflect that this matter was argued in the USCA on 10/28/63. As of 3/23/64 a decision had not, as yet, been rendered in these cases.

USCA records show further that "Petitions for Review" were recently filed in the following similar cases:

18381, IRVING POTASH v. SACB
18382, MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN v. SACB
18383, MILDRED MC ADORY EDELMAN v. SACB
18384, THOMAS NABRIED v. SACB
18385, WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE v. SACB
18386, GEORGE ALOYSIUS MEYERS v. SACB

18430, JOHN WILLIAM STANFORD, JR. v. SACB
18431, BENJAMIN DOBBS v. SACB
18432, WILLIAM COTTLE TAYLOR v. SACB
18433, FRANCES GABOW v. SACB
18434, AARON LIBSON v. SACB

Since petitions for review were filed on 1/29/64 in the first group, 18381 through 18386, the following action was noted:

2/12/64

Petitioners filed motion to postpone prehearing conference, then set for 2/20/64, and to hold cases in abeyance pending disposition of the ALBERTSON & PROCTOR (A & P) cases.

2/18/64

Court issues order postponing prehearing conference until further order of the Court. Order states petitioners' request to hold in abeyance will be held to await answer by respondent.

2/18/64

Respondent (Government) files motion in opposition.

3/16/64

Court order denies petitioners' motion to hold cases in abeyance; sets prehearing conference for 4/2/64.

Petitions for review in the second group, 18430 through 18434, were filed 2/14/64, and the following additional action in these cases is noted:

2/20/64

Petitioners file motion to postpone prehearing conference, then set for 3/12/64, and to hold cases in abeyance pending disposition of A & P.

2/27/64

Government files motion in opposition.

2/28/64

Court order postponing prehearing conference. Petitioners' request to hold in abeyance held to await responsive pleadings thereto.

3/16/64

Court order denying petitioners' motion to hold in abeyance; sets prehearing conference for 4/2/64.

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On 3/19/64, the following motion was filed in all of the foregoing cases:

Joint Motion to Approve Stipulation to Hold Cases to Abide Result of Test Cases.

The parties hereto, by their attorneys, jointly move the Court to approve the stipulation hereto, so as to permit these cases to be held to abide the result of the consolidated cases pending in this Court, ALBERTSON v. SACB, #17492 and PROCTOR v. SACB, #17623, argued 10/28/63.

As appears from the stipulation, the A & P cases are test cases which will dispose of the issues involved in the instant cases, and the Court has heretofore approved the holding of twelve other similar cases to abide the result of the A & P cases.

The parties respectfully suggest if this motion is approved, the Court should cancel the prehearing conference scheduled in these cases for 4/2/64.

The motion was signed by JOHN J. ABT and JOSEPH FORER for the Petitioners; and ROBERT L. KEUCH, for the Respondent.

The stipulation attached to the motion is as follows:

The parties hereto, by their attorneys, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. These cases seek review of orders of the SACB directing the individual petitioners to register under section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950 as members of the Communist Party of the U. S. These cases are similar to Nos. 17492 and 17623, A & P, argued 10/28/63. Petitioners in the above-captioned cases are now relying solely on the legal issues which were raised in the A & P cases.

2. By stipulation of the various parties, approved by order of the Court, twelve other similar cases (17493, 17548, 17617 through 17622, 17816, 17817, 17916, 17917) are being held in abeyance to abide the result of the A & P test cases. It is the intention of this stipulation to place the above cases in the same situation as the twelve cases already being held in abeyance.

3. Subject to approval of the Court, sought by joint motion of the parties, whatever judgments are entered on the merits in the consolidated A & P cases after the proceedings of review have been exhausted shall be entered in the above-captioned cases. This means that the eventual disposition of the A & P cases by this Court, or on their review by the Supreme Court of the U. S., will be the disposition made in the form of judgments in the above-captioned cases.

Cases referred to in paragraph two, above, are as follows:

17493, MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER
17548, ARNOLD S. JOHNSON
17617, WM. L. PATTERSON
17618, BETTY GANNETT TORMEY
17619, ALBERT J. LIMA
17620, BURT G. NELSON
17621, LOUIS WEINSTOCK
17622, DOROTHY HEALEY
17816, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
17817, SAMUEL K. DAVIS
17916, SAMUEL KUSHNER
17917, FLORA HALL KUSHNER

WFO following above matter in the USCA; will advise of court action on the motion; will follow for decision in ALBERTSON & PROCTOR.

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Mr. Casper	
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(WFO 100-24310) (P)
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Re WFOairtel, 4/23/64 and WFOlet, 4/22/64 in above caption; re WFOlet, 10/30/63, in the ALBERTSON caption.

Re WFOairtel, 4/23/64, advised that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on that date issued a decision in the consolidated ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases, Nos. 17492 and 17023, respectively, affirming orders of the Board (requiring the petitioners to register as members of the CP, USA).

Since other individual cases, as reflected by copies designated for the Bureau and offices of origin herein, are included in the stipulation to abide by the results of the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases, WFO is placing these in a 5C status.

WFO will continue to follow the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases in U.S. Court of Appeals to determine what further action may be taken, and will advise accordingly in the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR captions, and/or in the individual cases as it may affect their status.

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Re Folet 3/31/64 above caption.

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Records of the United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., as of 4/16/64, in the ALBERTSON and PROCTOR cases, Numbers 17492 and 17623 respectively, reflect that a decision has not, as yet, been handed down in these cases.

Details of a joint motion to approve stipulation and hold cases 18381 through 18386, and cases 18430 through 18434 in abeyance were set out in relet 3/31/64.

On 4/3/64, the Court ordered that the stipulation is approved, and that the cases listed above be held in abeyance pending final disposition by the Court of ALBERTSON v. SACB, Number 17492, and PROCTOR v. SACB, Number 17623, or until further order of the Court.

WFO following in U. S. Court of Appeals; will advise of additional pertinent action, and for a decision in ALBERTSON & PROCTOR.

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ReWFOlet, 4/22/64.

Enclosed herewith for New York and San Francisco is one copy each of a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals in #17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON v. SACB and #17623, ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v. SACB, decided 4/23/64. Copy of decision hand carried to Bureau this date.

The decision affirmed the orders of the Board requiring the petitioners, ALBERTSON and PROCTOR, to register under Section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act as members of the CP, USA.

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NY 2353-S* reported on 4/23/64, JOHN ABT advised BILL ALBERTSON that ALBERTSON lost his case before the Court of Appeals (re appeal concerning SACB registration before US Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., case #17492). ABT told ALBERTSON he has 90 days to appeal to the US Supreme Court.

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Re: William Albertson

William Albertson resides at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed by the New York District Communist Party, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, in the capacity of Executive Secretary. He has had past employments as a labor union official, salesman and as a clerk in a delicatessen. Derived citizenship through naturalization of mother, Esther Albertson, June 29, 1927, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Albertson is described as a white male; born May 7, 1910, Odessa, Russia; 5'10"; 170 pounds; black hair; brown eyes; stocky build; wears dark frame horn-rimmed glasses.

Sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have advised Albertson has been affiliated with the Communist Party, USA, and Communist front organizations since 1928 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Detroit, Michigan, and New York City. Albertson has held a varied number of position in the Communist Party, ranging from Labor Secretary of the Kings County Communist Party in 1943; Assistant National Labor Secretary, Communist Party, USA, 1946; Organizational Secretary, District 5, Communist Party, Pittsburgh, in 1947; Trade Union Secretary, District 7, Detroit, 1950; to his current position as Executive Secretary of the New York District Communist Party. During this time, Albertson has additionally held membership on the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, and the New York District Communist Party Committee.

Albertson was convicted on August 20, 1953, in United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, in that he conspired to advocate the violent overthrow of the government. He was sentenced on August 25, 1953, to a five year prison term

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and on June 13, 1955, the United States Court of Appeals upheld this conviction. On October 10, 1956, the United States Supreme Court ordered a new trial for Albertson and his co-defendants and remanded the case back to the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the grounds that one of the government witnesses may have lied in the 1953 Smith Act conviction. The indictment was subsequently dismissed on September 13, 1957, at Unites States District Court, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Records of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., in Nos. 17492 and 17623, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, V. SACB, and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioner, V. SACB, reflect that on 4/28/64, petitioners filed motion to stay mandate and transmission of opinion and judgment pending application to the U. S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. The motion states that counsel for petitioners have actually been instructed to prepare a petition for certiorari, and such a petition will be filed within the period permitted by law.

WFO following; will advise when petition for writ of certiorari is filed.

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On 5/11/64, Court issued order staying transmission of opinion and judgment and directed Clerk to transmit record to U.S. Supreme Court.

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New York, New York
May 15, 1954

Title William Albertson

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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Date: 5/15/64

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Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

The US Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., on 4/23/64, affirmed the order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring ALBERTSON to register under Section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act as a member of the CP, USA. ALBERTSON is a member of a NY State CP committee on Puerto Rican work and is the Organizational Secretary of the NY District CP. During the period 9/23/63 - 3/24/64, ALBERTSON attended meetings: NEC, CP, USA; NY District CP Committee, Board, Staff and School Commission; Bronx County CP Council; Harlem CP Conference; Kings County CP Conference and other lesser functions. Participation set out. ALBERTSON payee of checks drawn against accounts of Gus Hall - Ben Davis Defense Committee and Jefferson Book Shop. Lectured class, November, 1963, at New York School for Marxist Studies. ALBERTSON covered under group hospitalization policy of NY State CP. During period 12/11/63 - 4/8/64, ALBERTSON attended meetings of leading CP functionaries, NY District CP staff and NY District Press Commission. Participation set forth. Continues to reside 26 West End Ave., Brooklyn, NY, and employed NY State CP headquarters, 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

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PART I

A. STATUS OF PROSECUTION

The United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., in the case of ALBERTSON, Number 17492, on April 23, 1964, affirmed the order of the Subversive Activities Control Board requiring ALBERTSON to register under Section 8 of the Subversive Activities Control Act as a member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA).

B. POSITIONS HELD

ALBERTSON is a member of a New York State Communist Party (CP) committee on Puerto Rican work. This committee handles Puerto Rican work in New York City and is separate from the CP Latin American Affairs Committee.

NY T-1
September [illegible], 1963

At a meeting of the Bronx County CP Council held January 8, 1964, in the Bronx, New York, ALBERTSON was introduced as the New York State CP Organizational Secretary.

NY T-2
January 16, 1964

C. MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. National Executive Committee (NEC)

ALBERTSON attended several, if not all, sessions of a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA and invited guests held

October 2, 1963 through October 6, 1963, at various locations in New York City.

NY T-1
October 2 - 6, 1963

NY T-3
October 2 - 6, 1963

ALBERTSON attended sessions of a meeting of the WEB, CP, USA and invited guests held December 19-22, 1963, at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

At the December 21, 1963 session, during a discussion of civil rights, ALBERTSON stated the CP should fight for civil liberties, jobs and job security and should make a positive contribution to the peace movement.

At the December 22, 1963 session, during a discussion of the Party Renewal Campaign, ALBERTSON stated that since October, 1963, fifty new members had been recruited in the New York District, twenty-five of these being Puerto Ricans and Cubans. He added the Party must conduct a big concentration in Harlem to re-establish the Party in that area.

NY T-1
December 19 - 22, 1963

Source related ALBERTSON attended one or more sessions of the above meeting. In addition, at the December 22, 1963 session, ALBERTSON noted the Party Renewal Drive had been generally well accepted. He said that in New York, it is planned to bring "The Worker" to the Harlem Community under the Concentration Plan.

ALBERTSON related some clubs had been reconstituted but the Fairs and Renewal Drives had not yet caught on in New York.

NY T-3
December 23 - 27, 1963

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist publication.

2. New York District CP Committee

ALBERTSON, on October 19, 1963, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held at the Ukrainian Hall, 83 East 4th Street, New York City.

This meeting in the main was devoted to a report by BOB THOMPSON on the status and problems of the Party.

NY T-4
October 22, 1963

NY T-5
October 22, 1963

BOB THOMPSON is District Organizer of the New York CP District.

NY T-1
January 3, 1964

ALBERTSON, on December 14, 1963, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

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This meeting heard a report on the recent American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Convention and various individuals discussed their own activities in mass work.

NY T-5
December 19, 1963

ALBERTSON was in attendance at a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held January 11, 1964, at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

NY T-4
January 16, 1964

Sources added ALBERTSON, at this meeting, presented the main report, which was a review of Party activity for the previous year and included items on peace, civil rights, integration and the elections.

NY T-1
January 17, 1964

NY T-5
January 15, 1964

ALBERTSON, on February 8, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City.

At this meeting, BEN ALBERTSON presented a report on the school situation and ALBERTSON spoke on the lack of Party expansion and problems of the Harlem.

NY T-4
February 13, 1964

NY T-5
February 12, 1964

C. New York District CP Board

ALBERTSON, on September 23, 1963, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

ALBERTSON presented a report on the schools in New York City, which was a restate of what had taken place with regard to the school situation since July, 1[illegible]. Following these remarks, he passed out a 45-page document on the ten year plan for the development of the public school system in New York City, prepared by the New York District CP.

ALBERTSON stated the Party should develop sentiment for the Negro children to be able to go to desegregated schools; should attempt to have both Negro and White parents boycott the schools should a boycott be necessary; and stressed that school teachers should have special training in order to deal with the ticklish situations which arise because of the desegregation of the public school system.

NY T-5
September 24, 1963

ALBERTSON, on September 30, 1963, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at the Hellenic Hall, 259 West 25th Street, New York City. The agenda for this meeting included discussions on the New York School for Marxist Studies, the Manhattan CP, and food and welfare.

NY T-5
October 4, 1963

A characterization of the New York School for Marxist Studies is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

NY 100-[illegible]

ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held on October 21, 1953, at 250 West 25th Street, New York City. At this meeting, ALBERTSON went over a 40-page document which had been prepared for the CP on the New York City school system for the next ten year period.

NY T-5
October 27, 1953

ALBERTSON, on November 4, 1953, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held in New York City. The agenda for this meeting was announced as announcements, checkup on New York District Committee work and "The Worker" Conference.

ALBERTSON briefly reported on the Professional Section, which he stated is made up of lawyers, doctors, architects and social workers. He stated he had told the Professional Section it had done a terrific job for the Party in the field of civil rights and also had greatly helped the party financially.

NY T-5
November 8, 1953

ALBERTSON, on November 11, 1953, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

ALBERTSON reported on the recent elections held throughout the country, stating the big thing brought out was that not many people voted in this off election year. Therefore, there were no clear cut issues on how the different parties fared concerning their stand on civil rights and other critical issues of the times.

ALBERTSON went on to state the main issue is to try to enlist White support for a Negro congressman in 1964. Further, the CP should fight for proportionate representation which was being argued in the United States Supreme Court.

NY T-5
November 15, 1963

On November 18, 1963, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at 35 East 4th Street, New York City.

ALBERTSON stated the Party plans to set up a youth center in Harlem, and wants to transfer youth from other areas of New York to the Harlem area to work. He stated the only youth wanted for Harlem are those dedicated youth who will work in this area for approximately two years.

ALBERTSON further mentioned a Worker Conference was being called for November 23, 1963, to see what each county was doing with regard to selling the paper.

NY T-5
November 21, 1963

The following meetings of the New York District CP Board all were held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

At a meeting held December 16, 1963, ALBERTSON gave a report on the proposed 1964 budget for the New York District CP. He further stated the youth clubs of the Party have been transferred back to the jurisdiction of the various county organizations from which they would be able to work from a better base.

NY T-5
December 18, 1963

ALBERTSON, on January 6, 1964, attended a meeting of the District Board, which meeting heard reports by various county organizers on efforts to rebuild the CP in their respective counties.

NY T-5
January 7, 1964

ALBERTSON, on January 20, 1964, attended a meeting of the District Board, at which the main topic of discussion related to the [illegible] strike in Harlem.

NY T-5
January 24, 1964

At a meeting of the District Board on January 27, 1964, ALBERTSON announced the New York District still has not paid for a special edition of "The Worker" on schools and is in dire need of money.

NY T-1
January 28, 1964

NY T-5
January 28, 1964

ALBERTSON, on February 17, 1964, presented a report to the District Board on the school boycott in New York City and announced the New York District was going to form a Negro Commission.

NY T-5
February 19, 1964

ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the District Board on February 24, 1964, at which BOB THOMPSON reviewed the situation with regard to school integration.

NY T-5
February 25, 1964

At a meeting of the District Board on March 2, 1964, ALBERTSON announced a national press meeting would be held on March 7-8, 1964, to discuss problems of "The Worker" and that District Board members should attend. The remainder of this meeting was devoted to a discussion of school integration.

NY T-5
March 5, 1964

ALBERTSON, on March 16, 1964, attended a meeting of the District Board, which meeting was devoted to reports on the civil rights struggle and the school boycott.

NY T-5
March 21, 1964

4. New York District CP Staff

ALBERTSON, on January 23, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Staff held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. This meeting related to problems of the New York School for Marxist Studies and heard a report on youth work.

NY T-1
January 23, 1964

5. New York District CP School Commission

ALBERTSON, on October 3, 1963, attended a meeting of the New York State CP School Commission held at 552 Riverside Drive, New York City.

NY 10-12023

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the draft of a ten year plan for public schools in New York City, which had been prepared for the New York District CP. AMBLINSON requested any proposed changes in the draft be submitted to him by October 10, 1953, in order that these changes might be discussed by the District Board on October 21, 1953.

NY T-6
October 11, 1953

On December 17, 1953, a meeting of the New York District CP School Commission was held at 552 Riverside Drive, New York City. This meeting discussed the ten year plan of the New York District regarding the public school system in New York City.

AMBLINSON stated this plan would be put out in printed form sometime in January, 1954. It will be mailed to a list of people which will include members of the New York City Board of Education, members of the New York City Government, members of local school boards throughout New York City, and other city and local officials. He said the report would bear a notation it has not been copyrighted and it is permissible for anyone to reprint part or all of it. He further stated the CP was considering fully the integration section of this report and publishing it in "The Worker" in the near future.

NY T-6
December 19, 1953

AMBLINSON, on January 21, 1954, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Commission on Schools held at 552 Riverside Drive, New York City. This meeting discussed proposed amendments to the ten year plan of the CP regarding the public school system in New York City.

NY T-6
January 22, 1954

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ALBERTSON, on February 20, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP School Commission held at 390 Riverside Drive, New York City. This meeting discussed the school boycott of February 3, 1964, and what has happened since that time. The discussion included ways CP members could direct the boycott but no definite action was decided on.

NY T-3
February 26, 1964

On March 24, 1964, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York District CP School Commission held at 204 West End Avenue, New York City. This meeting included a discussion of what has happened since the March 16, 1964 school boycott and what the role of the CP is and what it should be.

NY T-6
March 25, 1964

6. Bronx County CP Council

ALBERTSON, on January 6, 1964, addressed a meeting of the Bronx County CP Council held in the Bronx, New York. He spoke on the state of the nation and the CP following the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

NY T-2
January 16, 1964

7. Harlem CP Conference

ALBERTSON, on January 26, 1964, attended a CP conference held at Bermuda Hall, New York City, on the re-establishment of CP work in Harlem.

NY T-1
January 28, 1964

8. Kings County CP Conference

ALDERTSON, on February 9, 1954, attended a Kings County CP Conference held at the Bensonhurst Fraternal Center, 2018 86th Street, Brooklyn, New York. This meeting reviewed past CP activity, the need to rebuild the CP and discussed the school boycott and civil rights.

ALDERTSON made a few brief remarks about school integration and the school boycott.

NY T-7
February 10, 1954

NY T-3
February 10, 1954

9. Wood Workers CP Club

ALDERTSON, on March 12, 1954, attended a meeting of a Wood Workers CP Club held at 102 West 4th Street, New York City.

NY T-9
March 16, 1954

10. Other

On October 6, 1953, ALDERTSON was in attendance at a dinner sponsored by the Greater New York Press Club in honor of BEN DAVIS and GIL GREEN held at the Palm Gardens, New York City.

NY T-10
October 7, 1953

NY T-11
October 11, 1953

NY T-12
October 11, 1953

NY 100-[illegible])

A characterization of the Greater N Y York Press Club is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

Source advised in August, 1953, he knows BENJAMIN J. DAVIS to be the present National Secretary, CP, USA.

NY T-13
August 30, 1953

GIL GREEN was elected a member of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, at a meeting of that committee on December 20, 1945.

NY T-3
December 27, 1945

On October 29, 1953, a meeting was held in ALBERTSON's office at New York District CP headquarters, New York City, to discuss questions concerning the Spanish newspaper La Nueva York.

ALBERTSON stated it had been decided in the New York District to form an editorial committee of a voluntary nature of which JESUS COLON is to be the head for the purpose of putting out a Spanish paper without full-time personnel. COLON has agreed to this and publication will begin in January, 1954. He said the New York District had discussed the use of one full-time person to handle the paper as Business Manager.

ALBERTSON stated it was been estimated the cost of publishing the Spanish paper will be $13,000.00 a year, minimum. He said that $100.00 a week would be furnished by the New York District.

NY T-1
October 29, 1953

JESUS COLON was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, at its 17th National Convention held December 10-13, 1959.

NY T-3
December 14, 1959

Source advised, based on COLON's attendance at meetings of the National Committee, CP, USA, and informant's own personal contacts and knowledge concerning COLON's activities, informant believes COLON is currently a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

NY T-1
June 27, 1962

Characterizations of 'La Nueva Voz,' Movimiento Pro Independencia De Puerto Rico (MPIPR), MPIPR New York Mission and Prompt Press are contained in the Appendix section of this report.

ALBERTSON, on November 5, 1963, attended a meeting in New York City, of various CP members held to discuss policy concerning the Spanish newspaper 'La Nueva Voz.'

NY T-1
November 7, 1963

On November 8, 1963, ALBERTSON attended a CP meeting on integration in public schools held at 413 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

ALBERTSON explained the purpose of the meeting by stating he wanted the group in attendance to become a Kings County CP commission on integration. He said he wanted to have this group focus its activities around the controversy concerning Junior High School 275 in Brooklyn. The group should act as a steering committee to bring about a protest by one thousand mothers who are white women at the Board of Education for more integration in Brooklyn schools.

NY T-14
November 12, 1963

ALBERTSON, on November 22, 1963, attended a social function held at 552 Riverside Drive, New York City, to welcome DENNY LEVENSON as the new organizer for the New York County CP.

NY T-10
December 4, 1963

NY T-11
November 29, 1963

NY T-15
November 26, 1963

On November 23, 1963, ALBERTSON attended a conference of "The Worker" held at 61 Rivington Street, New York City.

NY T-16
November 27, 1963

NY 100-[illegible]

ALBERTSON, at the above meeting, called for the increasing of the circulation of The Worker noting the paper was in bad financial condition.

NY T-2
December 2, 1953

NY T-5
November 27, 1953

NY T-7
November 30, 1953

ALBERTSON was in attendance at a Workers Seminar held December 6, 1953, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

NY T-10
December 11, 1953

ALBERTSON, on January 16, 1954, attended a meeting, admission by invitation only, held at the Central Plaza, 111 Second Avenue, New York City, at which GUS HALL was the principal speaker.

NY T-2
January 23, 1954

NY T-11
January 23, 1954

NY T-16
January 29, 1954

NY T-17
January 31, 1954

GUS HALL is General Secretary, CP, U.S.A.

NY T-18
December 18, 1953

ALBERTSON, on March 5, 1934, attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration of "The Worker" held at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

NY T-11
March 6, 1934

NY T-16
March 12, 1934

NY T-19
March 16, 1934

ALBERTSON attended either one or both sessions of a National Press Conference of "The Worker" held March 7-8, 1934, at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

NY T-7
March 9, 1934

NY T-8
March 10, 1934

NY T-11
March 9, 1934

NY T-16
March 12, 1934

NY T-20
March 10, 1934

NY T-21
March 10, 1934

NY T-22
March 19, 1934

NY 100-[illegible]

D. MISCELLANEOUS

Source furnished information which reflected WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the payee of a check in the amount of $[illegible], dated October 28, 1953, drawn against the account of the Gus Hall - Benjamin J. Davis Defense Committee.

NY T-23
November 4, 1953

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The officer to be subpoenaed is Miss CARA T. MALLOY, Senior Vice President, Amalgamated Bank of New York, 11-15 Union Square, New York, New York.

A characterization of the Gus Hall - Benjamin J. Davis Defense Committee is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

Source furnished information which reflected WILLIAM ALBERTSON was the payee of five checks in the amount of $74.30 dated October 27, November 20, December 21, 1953, and January 27 and February 24, 1954, against the account of the Jefferson Book Shop.

NY T-24
November 4, 1953
December 3, 1953
January 3, 1954
February 4, 1954
March 3, 1954

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NY T-24
April 2, 1964

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The officer to be subpoenaed is

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

A characterization of the Jefferson Book Shop is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

On November 6, 1963, ALBERTSON lectured to a class at the New York School for Marxist Studies, 853 Broadway, New York City. This lecture related to a post election analysis. He also spoke briefly regarding the incidents in Germany on the autobahn, and on the situation in Vietnam.

NY T-25
November 15, 1963

ALBERTSON, on January 10, 1964, gave a lecture at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City, regarding labor and the Mc Carran Act. In his remarks, although he spoke at great length on the Mc Carran Act, ALBERTSON did not identify himself as a Communist. He stated he had been ordered to register under the Mc Carran Act but had not done so.

NY T-12
January 23, 1964

[redacted] b7D

NY T-26
March 16, 1954

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The person to be subpoenaed is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

LILLIAM ALBERTSON, 23 West End Avenue, Brooklyn 35, New York, is on the current mailing list of 'The Worker' and the 'Midweek Worker.'

NY T-27
February 24 and
March 2, 1954

ALBERTSON was observed at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on October 23, 1953.

NY T-28
October 23, 1953

ALBERTSON was observed at CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, on November 7, 1953, January 10 and 24, 1954.

NY T-1
November 7, 1953,
January 10 and 24, 1954

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed ALBERTSON entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th Street, New York City, wherein are located the National and New York State offices of the CP, USA, the offices of 'The Worker' and the office of the publication "Political Affairs," virtually every day during the period September 24, 1963 - March 4, 1964.

> The masthead of the publication "Political Affairs" reflects this publication is self-described as a theoretical organ of the CP, USA.

PART II

A. MEETINGS ATTENDED

1. Leading CP Functionaries

ALBERTSON, on November 7, 1963, attended a meeting of leading CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting pertained to the need to increase the circulation of the publication Political Affairs.

NY T-29
November 7, 1963

ALBERTSON, on January 6, 1964, attended a meeting of leading CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, New York City.

ALBERTSON reviewed the status of New York City school integration and civil efforts of the Mayor and Board of Education in this regard. He noted various plans to ease the burden of desegregation and said the Board of Education was not living up to its agreements and has taken the position

It cannot move to integrate a particular community until the community agrees to be integrated. ALBERTSON said the Party has to push for a crash program and rehabilitation of public schools to go hand in hand with integration.

NY T-30
January 6, 1954

ALBERTSON, on January 30, 1954, attended a meeting of leading CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting pertained to the situation in Vietnam and problems regarding The Worker.

NY T-31
January 30, 1954

On March 26, 1954, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of leading CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, New York City. This meeting was concerned with the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCFCL) and its relationship to the CP, USA.

NY T-32
March 26, 1954

A characterization of the CCFCL is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

ALBERTSON, on April 3, 1954, attended a meeting of leading CP functionaries held at CP headquarters, New York City, which meeting pertained to trade union matters.

NY T-30
April 3, 1954

C. New York District CP Staff

ALBERTSON was in attendance at the following meetings of the New York District CP Staff held at New York District CP headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City:

Date of Meeting	Type of Discussion	Source
October 11,1963	Meeting concerned a report BOB THOMPSON was preparing to cover topics of peace, unemployment, recruiting, organization and clubs. ALBERTSON stated "our responsibility is to build the Party and the general objective should be membership."	NY T-32 October 11, 1963
October 21,1963	Meeting concerned itself with organisational questions and financial problems.	NY T-32 October 21, 1963
November 4, 1963	This meeting pertained to problems of "The Worker" and a youth meeting on civil rights.	NY T-32 November 4, 1963
November 20,1963	This meeting pertained to a proposed conference of "The Worker" to discuss circulation and the fund drive.	NY T-32 November 20, 1963
December 3,1963	The discussion pertained to the New York School for Marxist Studies.	NY T-32 December 3, 1963

Date of Meeting	Type of Discussion	Source
December 10, 1963	This meeting pertained to the financial situation surrounding the publication Political Affairs. ALBERTSON expressed the opinion a drive should be made through the Party clubs to increase circulation.	NY T-32 December 10, 1963
December 16, 1963	This meeting pertained to Party matters concerning the New York District.	NY T-32 December 16, 1963
December 31, 1963	This meeting discussed the present rent strikes in the Harlem area of New York City.	NY T-32 December 31, 1963
January 7, 1964	This meeting discussed organizational and financial problems of the New York District.	NY T-32 January 7, 1964
January 9, 1964	This meeting pertained to the question of the Civil Rights Bill.	NY T-32 January 9, 1964

Date of Meeting	Type of Discussion	Source
January 21, 1964	The sole item under consideration was a report on the faults of the publication "Mainstream" and a projection of a new cultural magazine.	NY T-30 January 21, 1964

A characterization of "Mainstream" is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

January 23, 1964	This meeting related to the New York School for Marxist Studies and heard a report on a meeting of the New York District Youth Commission.	NY T-28 January 23, 1964
February 7, 1964	This meeting related to a forthcoming conference to be held in March regarding "The Negro".	NY T-31 February 7, 1964
February 17, 1964	This meeting pertained to a discussion of school boycott activity in New York City.	NY T-30 February 17, 1964
March 2, 1964	This meeting discussed youth matters and school boycott activity.	NY T-32 March 2, 1964

Date of Meeting	Type of Discussion	Source
March 30, 1954	ALBERTSON presented a lengthy report on the work of the New York District and an evaluation of its leadership, which included its weaknesses and its strength.	NY T-32 March 30, 1954
April 2, 1954	This meeting reviewed the responsibility of various members of the District Board. ALBERTSON stated he was responsible for Nassau County and is the head of the Organizational and Educational Commission.	NY T-32 April 6, 1954

3. New York District Press Commission

ALBERTSON, on February 21, 1954, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Press Commission held at CP headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON stated that he functions as the Chairman of this commission. He described this commission as a political body responsible to decide all problems related to the New York District. ALBERTSON added, "We are the arm of the State Board to give leadership to all phases of press work."

NY T-32
February 21, 1954

NY [illegible]

On February 23, 1954, ALBERTSON attended what was believed to be a meeting of the New York District CP Press Commission, held at CP headquarters, New York City. ALBERTSON discussed problems of the Worker and the necessity to build the circulation of the paper.

NY T-32
February 23, 1954

4. Other

ALBERTSON, on March 10, 1954, attended a meeting held at CP headquarters, New York City, which meeting discussed the publication "La Nueva Voz."

ALBERTSON suggested that five hundred letters be sent out requesting contributions to the paper. He stated this paper would not only be a paper in the Spanish language but would be a paper with a different purpose.

The meeting also discussed the proposed editorial staff for this publication.

NY T-33
March 10, 1954

B. MISCELLANEOUS

ALBERTSON, on March 27, 1954, commented that Party in New York has not been organized to give leadership on the Negro Question. He said there appeared to be a basic weakness in getting around to speak to as many Party people as possible and if there were a Negro commission which was representative of the various struggles going on, this commission could translate policy for the whole Party.

NY T-32
March 27, 1954

PART III

A. RESIDENCE

Source furnished information reflecting ALBERTSON continues to reside at 30 West End Av. [illegible], Brooklyn, New York.

NY T-34
May 6, 1954

B. EMPLOYMENT

Source furnished information reflecting ALBERTSON is employed at New York State CP headquarters, 23 West 10th Street, New York City.

NY T-34
May 6, 1954

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1. APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

"1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties," are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.'

'* * * The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts.'

2. APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

'* * * Committee investigation disclosed that the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties was formed on or about June 12, 1961 * * *.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report and Hearings on Manipulation of Public Opinion by Organizations Under Concealed Control of the Communist Party (National Assembly for Democratic Rights and Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), House Report 1282, Part 1, October 2 and 3, 1961, pp. 137, 143 and 144.)"

1. APPENDIX

GREATER NEW YORK PRESS CLUB

A source advised on December 6, 1962, that the Greater New York Press Club (GNYPC) was formed during February, 1961, by LOUIS WEINSTOCK when he was the General Manager of "The Worker" by obtaining members who would contribute funds, subscribe to and work for "The Worker," and also to hold social and cultural affairs.

The source stated that in the spring of 1962, JAMES LUSTIG was the Business Manager of "The Worker." LUSTIG announced at a press club meeting at Adelphi Hall, New York City, held on April 26, 1962, the formation of a new press club known as the "City Press Club Executive Board" (CPCEB). The purpose of this new club was to coordinate the work of all the borough press clubs in the New York City area; to strengthen the work of the press clubs; to organize new press clubs; and to draw in people who were not members of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). The source stated that the basic purpose was to raise funds for "The Worker" and increase the circulation of that publication. Persons not members of the CPUSA could be members of the new club, but leadership in the club was limited to members of the CPUSA. The name of the CPCEB was later changed to "Greater City Press Club" (GCPC) which club became the successor of the GNYPC.

The source continued that in July, 1962, LOUIS WEINSTOCK again became General Manager of "The Worker" and the GCPC again became known as the "Greater New York Press Club" and was commonly referred to as the Greater New York Readers' Club, Greater New York Readers' Clubs, Greater New York Readers' Conference, Greater City Press Club and the City Press Club, by personnel responsible for preparation of notices and literature regarding meetings and activities of the clubs. The source advised at that time the GNYPC had no office or headquarters and used the mailing address of "The Worker," 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

A second source advised on August 15, 1962, that the Greater New York Readers' Club was formerly known as the "Three Boro Readers' Club."

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GREATER NEW YORK PRESS CLUB

The first source advised on May 28, 1963, that the GNYPC hold no membership meetings and that the officers had ceased to function for the GNYPC. The source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was responsible for using the name of the GNYPC in conjunction with the activities of the Readers Conferences at "Worker" functions. The organization of the GNYPC no longer functions.

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THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A source advised on March 27, 1962, that GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), stated on March 26, 1962, that the Party will form a new committee known as the GUS HALL - BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee (H-DDC). The purpose of this committee is to raise $100,000 for the defense of HALL and DAVIS.

GUS HALL
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

HALL and DAVIS were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D.C., on March 15, 1962, charging them with violations of Sections 786 (h) and 794, Title 50, United States Code, in that they, as General Secretary and National Secretary, CPUSA, respectively, and as members of its National Board, willfully and unlawfully failed to register for and on behalf of the CPUSA with the Attorney General.

A second source furnished information on February 12, 1963, that the H-DDC had received a total of $41,799.18 in contributions for defense as of February 12, 1963.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of April 16, 1963, page 1, carried an appeal by the H-DDC, Room 1225, 22 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, asking for funds.

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JEFFERSON BOOK SHOP, INC.

A source provided information in the spring of 1945 which indicated that the Jefferson Book Shop, Inc., (JBS) had officially opened on April 1, 1944.

The records of the New York County Supreme Court reflected that on December 3, 1946, papers were filed with the Department of State, State of New York, incorporating the JBS, Inc., to sell books and magazines at wholesale and retail among other purposes.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, and a self-admitted member of the Communist Party (CP) until 1945, advised in March, 1947, that the JBS was one of a number of outlets for CP literature which had been set up by the CP.

A second source advised on February 14, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York District CP Staff held that date, DANIEL RUBEL gave a report on the operation of the JBS. He announced that it had shown a small profit in 1960 and that approximately 35 per cent of the sales was of Marxist-Progressive material. A number of suggestions were advanced by those present to improve the sales of CP literature at the JBS and it was announced that 63 young people, who had come into contact with the Party through the JBS, were thinking about joining the Party and some were recruits into the Party.

A third source advised on February 1, 1961, that on that date, HY LUMER, CPUSA Educational Director, referred to DANIEL RUBEL as being in charge of literature distribution of the New York District of the CPUSA.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company, on April 16, 1963, lists the JBS as being located at 100 East 16th Street, New York City.

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"LA NUEVA VOZ"

On June 6, 1962, a source advised that the proposed Spanish - language newspaper to be published some time during the summer of 1962, received its initial impetus from the National leadership of the Communist Party (CP). The responsibility for publication of the paper would rest with the New York District organization of the CP since most of the Spanish speaking people reside in the New York City (NYC) area.

On June 26, 1962, a second source advised that on June 22, 1962, the "Comite Pro Periodico Hispano" held its first "open" meeting at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, NYC, attendance by invitation only. The Chairman of the "Comite" was FELIX OJEDA who spoke at length on the format of a bi-monthly Spanish-language newspaper. This newspaper deal with "oppression, exploitation and general discrimination of Puerto Ricans, Negroes, and Latin minorities in NYC and other sections of the country.

On July 9, 1962, the second source advised that the Spanish-language publication would be called "La Nueva Voz."

On February 27, 1963, the second source advised that the Editorial Board of "La Nueva Voz" includes FELIX OJEDA, JESUS COLON, and AUGUSTIN LOPEZ. "JIMMY" NEGRON is Secretary and Administrator of funds for "La Nueva Voz."

On December 3, 1962, a third source advised that as of November, 1962, FELIX OJEDA was a member of the CP Spanish Club of Manhattan, New York.

On June 27, 1962, the first source advised that JESUS COLON is a member of the National Committee, CP, USA.

On June 16, 1961, a fourth source advised that AUGUSTIN LOPEZ is a member of the Puerto Rican Club, Kings County, CP.

On June 13, 1962, a fifth source advised that "JIMMY" NEGRON attended a Movimiento Pro-Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPI) Seminar at San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, June 8 through June 10, 1962, as a representative of the

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"LA NUEVA VOZ"

MPI, New York Mission. NEGRON addressed the Seminar stating the MPI had to support FIDEL CASTRO and Russia because they were the only ones defending Puerto Rico's fight for independence. NEGRON also transported Cuban propaganda material from New York to Puerto Rico.

In the masthead of page two of the May 1, 1963, issue of "La Nueva Voz," it is noted that FELIX OJEDA is Director of "La Nueva Voz" with offices at 799 Broadway, New York 3, New York. Also in the masthead, is printer's label number 209 of the Allied Printing Trades Council of New York.

The official directory of union label printing offices in Greater New York, published by the Allied Printing Trades Council of Greater New York, denotes that union label number 209 is assigned to Prompt Printing Press, Incorporated.

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"MAINSTREAM"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Mainstream":

"Mainstream*

"1. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out * * * Mainstream -- monthly cultural and literary organ published in New York.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)"

* Beginning with the September 1956 issue, the name of this publication was changed from Masses and Mainstream to Mainstream.

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement)
(MPIPR)

On June 20, 1960, [redacted] of the MPIPR, advised Special Agents of the FBI that this organization was formed January 11, 1959, at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico and officially came into being at the MPIPR Constituent Convention on November 23, 1959, at Ponce, Puerto Rico. It was formed by a group of former leaders of the PARTIDO INDEPENDENTISTA PUERTORRIQUENO (PIP), a formerly legally constituted political party, who were dissatisfied with PIP policies and decided to form a more active organization to indoctrinate the Puerto Rican people with the ideal of Puerto Rican independence. b6 b7C

Although the MPIPR does not advocate violence, it will accept anyone who believes in Puerto Rican independence regardless of his beliefs on the use of violence provided he agrees with the MPIPR Declaration of Principles. The organization contains both Nationalists and Communists within its membership, but does not assume responsibility for actions they may take not sanctioned by the group.

Speaking on behalf of himself and his organization, [redacted] said the MPIPR does not currently advocate violence as a means of obtaining Puerto Rican independence only because he felt that violence would be ineffective against the power of the United States Government. [redacted] stated that he believed in the right of a people, specifically the Puerto Rican people, to use violence to obtain their freedom if and when the circumstances are such that they could possibly be successful in their effort.

Headquarters of the MPIPR are located in Rio Piedras, a suburb of San Juan.

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MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO
(Puerto Rican Independence Movement)
(MPIPR)

Issues of the MPIPR "Carta Semanal" (Weekly Letter), self-described as a weekly bulletin from MPIPR headquarters to the various branches, during 1963 have reported that MPIPR branches have been established, at least in name, in almost every town and hamlet in Puerto Rico and in Chicago, Illinois and New York City.

The Fourth Annual General Assembly of the MPIPR was held December 9, 1962, at Hato Tejas and, according to press reports, one of the resolutions passed by this body was one of complete support and solidarity with the Cuban people, the Cuban Revolutionary Government, and FIDEL CASTRO.

Attendance at this assembly was estimated by the Division of Intelligence, Police of Puerto Rico (DI, POPR) not to exceed 375 persons.

Total membership of the MPIPR is believed by the DI, POPR to be between 1,000 and 1,300 persons.

Among the members of the 90-man National Council of the MPIPR are adherents of other independence-seeking groups, including the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico.

The NPPR has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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1. APPENDIX

MOVIMIENTO PRO INDEPENDENCIA DE PUERTO RICO (PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT)(MPIPR) (NEW YORK MISSION)

A confidential source advised on August 15, 1961, that the New York Mission of the Movimiento Pro Independencia de Puerto Rico (MPIPR) was organized on August 6, 1961, in New York City.

A second confidential source advised on October 24, 1961, that the New York Mission of the MPIPR supports and promotes the aims and principles of the MPIPR as set forth by the headquarters of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico. The announced purpose of the MPIPR in Puerto Rico is to work for the complete independence of Puerto Rico through propaganda and other peaceful means.

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[redacted] of the MPIPR, advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on June 20, 1960, that the MPIPR does not advocate violence to gain independence because it would be ineffective against the force of the United States Government. [redacted] believes that the Puerto Rican people have a right to use violence to gain their freedom if there was a possibility of success.

On December 14, 1961, the second source advised that the New York Mission of the MPIPR had adopted the name "Mision Central Vito Marcantonio."

The second source advised on March 7, 1963, that the headquarters for the MPIPR in New York City are located at 127 West 106th Street.

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NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, a source advised it was announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CPUSA), New York District (NYD), Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CPUSA, NYD. Adult classes were scheduled to start October 17, 1960.

"The Worker" of October 16, 1960, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and Student Committee On Progressive Education (SCOPE) (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York.

The records of Pearce Mayer and Greer, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflect that on August 29, 1960, HERBERT APTHEKER leased Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, for the period starting October 1, 1960. The premises were to be occupied by a "People's School." On July 3, 1962, HERBERT APTHEKER signed a new lease for Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, to start October 1, 1962, which reflects that the premises were to be used as an office for the NYSMS.

During April and May, 1963, a second source furnished information that the NYSMS was then in operation at 853 Broadway, New York, New York.

The Spring Term, 1963 Bulletin of the NYSMS reflects Dr. HERBERT APTHEKER as the Director of the School.

A third source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA, held December 10-13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

The May, 1963, issue of "Political Affairs," self-described as the theoretical organ of the CPUSA, reflects that HERBERT APTHEKER has been replaced as editor of that publication after holding this position for several years.

A characterization of SCOPE is included in the appendix.

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PROMPT PRESS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Prompt Press:

"Prompt Press

"1. 'A printing union identification symbol described as "Bug 209" appears on many of the (Communist) Party publications, including Party membership cards, and pertains to the printing plant of Prompt Press, a Party publishing organization.'

'* * * Prompt Printing Press Inc., (is) a printing establishment whose entire stock is owned by witness (Boris) Cohen, a Party member * * *.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 108-53, Report and Order with respect to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, December 21, 1955, p. 8; and Docket No. 111-53, Report and Order with respect to the United May Day Committee, April 27, 1956, p. 65; see also p. 73.)

"2. 'Prints the bulk of the literature issued by the Communist Party and its affiliates and is reliably known to be owned by the Communist Party.'
(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7685.)"

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE)

A confidential source advised on June 16, 1958, that the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) was formed in early 1958, by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second confidential source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), held that day in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CPUSA, stated that in New York there is a group of about 21 youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a Student Committee on Progressive Education, which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. THOMPSON stated that approximately 8 or 10 of this group are CP members.

A third confidential source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CPUSA, held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUMER, CPUSA Educational Director, stated that in New York most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York which are either Party groups or pro-Party groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education) and this group stands closest to the CP leadership

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE) (CONT'D)

A fourth confidential source made available on March 23, 1961, a mimeographed letter signed by "The SCOPE Committee." This letter sets forth that last fall SCOPE became a part of the newly formed New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) as its autonomous youth division.

The Spring Term 1963 Bulletin of the NYSMS states that SCOPE is trying to provide conditions in which youth can broaden their knowledge and improve their understanding of this changing, perplexing, and exciting age. The goal of SCOPE is "to provide a unique opportunity for the study and discussion of Marxism."

On May 17, 1963, the fourth source advised that SCOPE continues to share the office space in Room 1922, 853 Broadway, New York City, with the NYSMS.

A characterization of the NYSMS is included in the Appendix.

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Part I of this report contains only admissible evidence and Part II contains all other information regarding ALBERTSON's CP activities.

The Special Agents who observed ALBERTSON entering and/or departing 23 W. 26th St., NYC, were:

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	File Where Located
NY T-1 NY 559-S*	[redacted]

Characterization of BOB THOMPSON [redacted]

Characterization of JESUS COLON [redacted] b7D

NY T-2 NY 359-S	[redacted]
NY T-3 CG 5824-S*	[redacted]

Characterization of GIL GREEN
Characterization of JESUS COLON

NY T-4 [redacted]	[redacted]

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The logs for the foregoing are located in 100-4931-Sub 0.

CG 5824-S* advised in April, 1964, it had been decided at a meeting of the National Executive Committee, CP, USA, held 4/4-7/64, in NY, that ALBERTSON is to be a member of the National Board of the CP. (C) (4) Sec 190-4011 claimed as (B)(1)(3)

The Chicago Office cautioned this information should not be reported in the details of an investigative report due to extremely sensitive nature of CG 5824-S* as well as the fact this information is known to relatively few people.

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NY T-5 [redacted]

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NY T-8 [redacted]

NY T-9 [redacted]

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

NY T-10

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Characterization of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

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Characterization of GUS HALL

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue to follow and report ALBERTSON's activities in accordance with Bureau instructions relating to the investigation of key figures.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason)

it contains information from informants, NY T-1 through NY T-34, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously hamper the investigation of the CP, USA, thereby being injurious to the defense interests of the US.

7. [X] Subject previously interviewed (dates) 9/10/59, 10/27/60
[ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

when he was interviewed on above dates, he gave no indication of cooperation.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

ALBERTSON is Executive Secretary of the New York District CP.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
[X] Subject's activities [X] do [ ] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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NY 2353-S* reported on 5/25/64, ALBERTSON made reservations for Chicago on TWA Flight 147, departing Kennedy International Airport, New York City, 8:30 AM, 5/29/64, arriving Chicago, 9:34 AM. ALBERTSON has return reservations TWA Flight 196, departing Chicago, 7:30 PM, 5/31/64, arriving Kennedy International Airport, 10:19 PM, same date.

Chicago is requested to institute such coverage of ALBERTSON as feasible to determine ALBERTSON's activities and contacts.

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Re New York letter, 4/15/64; Bureau letter, 5/4/64; and New York airtel, 5/26/64. (U)

The New York Office has devoted considerable thought to the contents of the proposed bogus informant report from ALBERTSON and is of the opinion such a report can be written at this time without reference to any particular meeting. This report would be of an informational nature, informal in nature, to clear up a question in a previous report. By utilizing such a report, it is possible to identify various individuals by name, thereby creating more than a passing interest in the person who finds this report. (C) (U)

In this regard, the New York Office feels the following report would prove extremely embarrassing to ALBERTSON and, if followed through by the CP, could only result in his being branded an informant: (C) (U)

Joe -

To clear up your questions on special areas of responsibility:

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Buff. - Roch. -
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Sorry my report was not clear but hope this straightens things out.

I will send you separate reports on the last Board and State Committee meetings as well as Staff. Have to go to Byalin's area tonight and will prepare these reports following that. (U)

Tormey keeps hinting I am involved in too many things. Maybe he's getting a little suspicious. I don't know.

Maybe you could arrange for a raise in expenses. It's getting tough to handle everything by car since it needs some repairs.

Bill.

The JOE referred to herein is SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, who is well known to CP Attorneys JOHN ABT and MARY KAUFMAN, as a result of the SACB hearings. ALBERTSON is also in no position to deny knowing SA WATERS since he was present at ALBERTSON's SACB hearing in Washington, D.C. (U)

Regarding the manner in which this report is to be placed into CP hands, the following is noted: (U)

[NY 2017-S* regularly furnishes ALBERTSON's calendar of scheduled meetings.] These meetings reflect that usually on a once-a-month basis, ALBERTSON has a meeting in "Nassau". Fisurs of past meetings has reflected ALBERTSON is usually met at the Great Neck railroad station and then driven to the meeting. On these occasions, ALBERTSON is either met by LIONEL BYALIN or the meeting is held at BYALIN's residence. Hence the reference to BYALIN's area in the informant report. (C)

It is anticipated that on the evening on which ALBERTSON travels to Nassau County, this informant report will be "dropped" within whatever car picks ALBERTSON up at the railroad station. ALBERTSON will find it extremely difficult to explain an informant report not only in his own handwriting, but also found in a car in which he was a passenger. (U)

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At such time as NY 2017-S* is recontacted, the New York Office will secure a pad of yellow paper from New York District CP Headquarters on which this report should be prepared. If the Bureau concurs with the proposed content of the informant report, it is requested this report be prepared by the Laboratory immediately upon receipt of the aforementioned pad of paper and forwarded to the New York Office. (U)

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SAC, New York (100-129802)

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. English
1 - Mr. Ryan

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ReNYlet 6-2-64.

Authority granted to initiate counterintelligence plan as outlined in relet to subject William Albertson to suspicion through a fictitious "informant report" prepared in his handwriting. Submit to the Bureau as soon as possible the paper to be used for this "report." (C) (U)

Upon receipt from the Bureau of the completed "informant report" in Albertson's handwriting you may arrange to have it "accidently dropped" in an automobile, wherein Albertson was a recent passenger, at the first feasible opportunity. (C) (U)

The Bureau believes this counterintelligence operation has excellent potential. The interest and imagination you have afforded this operation is most appreciated. (C) (U) prev. released

Follow this matter closely and advise the Bureau of all pertinent developments. Be alert to submit your recommendations for follow-up counterintelligence action. (U)

(C)

1 - New York (100-129629)
(1) - 65-38100 -(Albertson)

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, same caption, dated 6-12-64, DR:mjh:slj. (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129302)
(100-129629)

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SUBJECT: (U) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

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1/4/74

Re New York letter to Bureau, 4/15/64, and Bureau letter to New York, 5/4/64. u

Enclosed herewith are photographs of ALBERTSON's handwriting and a one page original letter in ALBERTSON's handwriting. u

For the information of Detroit and Pittsburgh, the New York Office intends to have the Laboratory prepare a bogus informant report in ALBERTSON's handwriting covering two or three meetings, and, thereafter, place this report in CP hands, thereby exposing ALBERTSON as a Bureau informant. If successful, this action will have a disastrous effect on the New York District. u

4 - Bureau (100-3-104-34) (Encls. 4) (RM)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) u
2 - Detroit (100-16560) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
2 - Pittsburgh (65-749) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (42)
1 - New York (100-129302) (42)

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The Bureau has advised that to prepare such a report a minimum of three full pages of ALBERTSON's handwriting will be required by the Laboratory. Since ALBERTSON is a former subject of both the Detroit and Pittsburgh Offices, it is requested these offices review their respective files for any additional specimens of ALBERTSON's handwriting, and to furnish same to the Bureau. The Bureau advised original specimens would be of most value, however, photographs or photostats also are of use. It is requested this matter be handled as expeditiously as possible.

The Bureau is requested to advise the NYO when sufficient specimens of ALBERTSON's handwriting are available in order that a proposed informant report may be prepared.

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

1 - English (Room 7334 JB)
1 - Ryan

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

ReNYairtel 5/26/64 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Counterintelligence Program, IS-C," and "William Albertson, IS-C, ISA-50."

The photographs and original letter in Albertson's handwriting, which were forwarded with referenced airtel, appear to contain sufficient characteristics to enable the Laboratory to prepare a fictitious informant report in his handwriting. However, additional samples of Albertson's handwriting would facilitate the preparation of such a report, especially if the report is to be lengthy. You should promptly forward any additional samples of Albertson's handwriting that may become available to the Bureau.

(U)

In preparing your draft for the proposed informant report, you should endeavor to utilize words and letters set forth in the specimens of Albertson's handwriting you have submitted.

New York should submit final counterintelligence recommendations in this matter as soon as feasible, taking into consideration matters set forth in Bureau letter dated 5/5/64. No counterintelligence action should be initiated without specific Bureau authority.

1 - New York (100-129629)
1 - Detroit (100-16560)
1 - Pittsburgh (65-749)
1 - 65-38100 (Albertson)

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Letter to New York
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
100-3-104-34

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NOTE:

Albertson, a member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA, and the Executive Secretary of the New York District, is one of the most efficient and important functionaries in the daily operation of the district organization. The New York Office is devising a plan to discredit Albertson through a misdirected bogus informant report in his handwriting and, if this can be successfully accompolished, the results would be disasterous to the New York State Communist Party organization.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(100-3-104-34)~~

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-16560) (RUC)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - C

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; ISA - 1950
(OO: New York)

Re New York airtel to Bureau, cc Detroit, dated 5/26/64. u

In accordance with the request of the New York Office, the following pertinent exhibits are being furnished herewith to the Bureau in connection with consideration being given to the preparation of a bogus informant report in the Subject's handwriting: (U) u

1. A single-page handwritten letter and envelope from Subject ALBERTSON to SAUL GROSSMAN, dated 10/16/53. (Detroit file 100-16560-1B1-46). u

2. A copy of a single-page handwritten letter and one side of an envelope from Subject ALBERTSON [to BOB (TRAVIS) dated 6/12/?] (Detroit file 100-16560-1B1-49).

(U) 3. A copy of a three-page typed letter entitled ["Communist Party of Michigan, 2419 Grand River, Detroit - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE"] signed by Subject ALBERTSON. (U) (Detroit file 100-16560-1B1-42), [received 3/19/52.]

4 - Bureau (Enc. 7) (RM)
1 - 65-38100 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
2 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (42)
1 - 100-129802 (42)
2 - Detroit
1 - [redacted]
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4. A copy of a three-page typed letter entitled "Communist Party of Michigan, 2419 Grand River, Detroit - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE", signed by Subject ALBERTSON. (Detroit file 100-16560-1B1-44), received 4/7/52. (U)

5. Handwritten copy of a Christmas card and envelope sent to JOHN GATES by Subject ALBERTSON dated 12/17/51. (Detroit file 100-16560-1B1-43). u

6. Handwritten copy of an envelope from Subject ALBERTSON to BEN DAVIS dated 12/17/51. (Detroit file 100-16560-1B1-37). u

7. Handwritten Christmas card and envelope from Subject ALBERTSON to JOHN WILLIAMSON dated 12/17/51. (Detroit file 100-16560-1B1-39). u

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. English
1 - Mr. Ryan

(U) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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William Albertson, National Committee, Communist Party, USA, member and the Executive Secretary of the New York Communist Party (CP) District, is considered one of the most efficient and important functionaries in the New York Party organization. The New York Office believes that if Albertson's effectiveness could be destroyed it would be a devastating blow to the New York District CP organization which is the strongest concentration of CP membership. (X) U

We have been exploring with the New York Office various procedures to cast suspicion upon Albertson as an FBI informant. New York has proposed and we approve a plan whereby a fictitious "informant report" will be prepared in Albertson's handwriting and will be "dropped" within a car utilized to pick him up when he attends periodic CP meetings in a suburban area of New York. Albertson will find it extremely difficult to explain an "informant report" which is not only in his handwriting but which is also found in a car in which he was a recent passenger. (X) U

The Laboratory has advised it is feasible to prepare such a report in Albertson's handwriting. Through a highly confidential investigative technique we have obtained adequate samples of Albertson's handwriting for the preparation of the fictitious report. The same highly confidential source will make available a pad of the paper used by Albertson on an almost daily basis at CP headquarters for use with the fictitious "informant report." (X) (C)

(U) This fictitious report has been prepared for the express purpose of attracting the attention of the person finding it to the possibility that Albertson is working for the Government and probably the FBI. The report will be directed to "Joe" which is the first name of the FBI Agent who sat at counsel table during the SACB hearings in New York City and this Agent is well known to many leading communists including Albertson himself. (X) U 10/6/80 65-38100

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100-3-104-34

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
100-3-104-34

The fictitious report will consist of five paragraphs, the first setting forth an up-to-date summary of area responsibilities of District CP leaders, it being noted this data is known only to Albertson and a few other CP leaders. Other paragraphs will deal with Albertson's plans relating to future reports, possible suspicion of him by another state leader and a request for a raise in expenses. The report will be signed simply "Bill." (X) u

We believe this well thought out counterintelligence plan has excellent chances of success. If it does not result in Albertson's outright expulsion from the CP, at very least it may be expected to raise suspicions causing his isolation and neutralization within Party ranks. (X) u

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above set out plan to neutralize CP leader William Albertson through the use of a fictitious "informant report" in his handwriting be approved and the New York Office be so advised by the attached letter.

(X) u

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/18/64

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(Bufile-65-38100)
(NY 100-129629)
(WFO 100-24310) (P)
(OO:NY)

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(Bufile-100-282013)
(SF 100-25215)
(WFO 100-41555) (P)
(OO:SF)

ReWFOlet, 5/13/64.

Records of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, in Nos. 17492 and 17623, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, v. SACB, and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioner, v. SACB, reflect that on 5/14/64, transcript of the record and exhibits was transmitted from that Court to the U.S. Supreme Court and this was acknowledged by the Supreme Court on 5/21/64.

Periodic checks made with theoffice of the Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court up to 6/15/64, reflects that a petition for writ of certiorari has not as yet been filed with that Court. [redacted] Deputy Clerk, advised that petitioners would have 90 days from the lower court's decision of 4/23/64 within which to file such petition; that is, until 7/22/64.

WFO following at U.S. Supreme Court and will advise.

3 - Bureau
1 - New York (RM)
1 - San Francisco (RM)
2 - WFO

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129302)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C (U)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

2-13-80
CLASS. & EXT. BY 8160 DD/AHR
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2
DATE OF REVIEW 5-11-84

Re New York letter to Bureau, 6/2/64, and Bureau letter to New York, 6/5/64. u

Enclosed herewith is one pad of yellow paper obtained at CPUSA Headquarters, New York City, on 6/16/64. This paper should be utilized in the preparation of the bogus informant report in ALBERTSON's handwriting. NY 2017-S*, on 6/16/64, additionally indicated ALBERTSON utilizes a Venus ball pencil, (U) medium, 10, (blue).

[NY 2017-S* provided ALBERTSON's desk calendar which reflected he is next scheduled to visit Nassau County on the evening of 6/24/64.] It is requested, if the Bureau concurs with the proposed informant report submitted, that this report be prepared by the Laboratory in time to institute this action against ALBERTSON on that particular evening. It is further (U) suggested no date be placed on the informant report.

4 - Bureau (100-3-104-34) (Encl. 1) (RM)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (AM)
1 - New York (100-129302) (AM)

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DATE OF REVIEW 5-11-84

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

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Re New York letter to Bureau, 6/2/64, and Bureau letter to New York, 6/5/64.

Enclosed herewith is one [illegible] of yellow paper obtained at CPUSA Headquarters, New York City, on 6/16/64. This paper should be utilized in the preparation of the bogus informant report in ALBERTSON's handwriting. NY 3017-S*, on 6/16/64, additionally indicated ALBERTSON utilized a Venus ball pencil, medium, #10, (blue).

(U) [NY 3017-S* provided ALBERTSON's desk calendar which reflected he was next scheduled to visit Nassau County on the evening of 6/24/64.] It is requested, if the Bureau concurs with the proposed informant report submitted, that this report be prepared by the Laboratory in time to institute this action against ALBERTSON on that particular evening. It is further suggested no date be placed on the informant report.

4 - Bureau (100-3-104-34) (Encl. 1) (RM)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (4E)
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SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-13274) (P)

(U) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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DATE OF REVIEW 5-21-84

(U) Re New York airtel to Bureau, 5/26/64, captioned "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS-C; WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C; ISA-50"; and Bureau letter to New York, 6/5/64, captioned: "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY - C (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)."

A review of WILLIAM ALBERTSON's file at Pittsburgh has been conducted for additional specimens of ALBERTSON's handwriting. Several specimens have been located, but only those which were believed to have sufficient handwriting on them for comparison purposes are being submitted to the Bureau. None of the specimens were written in ink. U

There is enclosed for the Bureau the following specimens of handwriting of WILLIAM ALBERTSON: U

1. An undated 2 page rough draft letter (written in pencil) from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to ROY HUDSON, Pittsburgh, regarding ALBERTSON's proposed move to Pittsburgh. (U) Date received was 9/25/47. (C)

2. An undated one page photographic copy of a letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to PHIL BART, Philadelphia, regarding certain proposals made concerning mining in BART's district. (U) (C)

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
(1 - 65-33100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
3 - New York (RM)
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(1 - 129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
2 - Pittsburgh
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3. An undated one page photographic copy of a letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to AL LOEW, P. O. Box 245, Oklahoma City, Okla., regarding a possible meeting in September. Date received was 9/4/47.

4. An undated one page rough draft letter (written in pencil) from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to PHIL BART, Philadelphia, in which ALBERTSON enclosed a copy of a letter from SAM. Date received was 1/7/43.

5. Two undated one page each rough draft letters (written in pencil): one from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to JOHN SCHIMES, Chicago, and ELMER JOHNSON, Indiana, and the second from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to GUS HALL, Cleveland. Both pertain to ALBERTSON's plans to be in Chicago and Cleveland. Date received 6/17/47.

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6. Four undated one page each rough draft letters (written in pencil) from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to the following:

   (a) To JOHN SCHIMES, Chicago, advising he would be in Chicago on June 7-8 (1947).

   (b) To Wm. SCHNEIDERMAN--San Francisco, and GIL GREEN--Chicago, regarding a Red baiting statement of the CRC and a list of 550 trade union leaders who signed it.

   (c) To JOE KUZMA, Philadelphia, advising "Your delegate should be at the Chicago district office on Sunday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m."

   (d) To MANNY BLUM, Boston, advising "It will be impossible for me to be in Boston on June 14. I suggest June 23 instead."

Date received for above was May 27, 1947.

When the above-mentioned material is no longer needed by the Bureau, it should be returned to the Pittsburgh Office. (U)

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1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. English

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To: SAC, New York (100-123832)
(100-123829)

From: Director, FBI (~~100-3-104-94~~)
(~~65-88144~~)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2
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ReNYairtel 6/12/64.

(U) The simulated unwritten informant's report in the handwriting of William Albertson has been prepared by the Laboratory as requested and is attached. (C)

As soon as possible, put your counterintelligence operation against William Albertson into effect and advise the Bureau of any tangible results. u

The known specimens of Albertson's handwriting submitted by New York and Detroit will be retained unless advised to the contrary. Photographs of pertinent portions of this known writing are attached. u

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Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (Mr. David Ryan, Room 812 RB) (sent direct)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

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ReBuairtel, 6/19/64, enclosing the bogus informant report in ALBERTSON's handwriting. u

(U) Based on information furnished by NY 2017-S* reflecting ALBERTSON was scheduled to go to Nassau County on 6/24/64, the New York Office instituted a fisur of ALBERTSON during the afternoon of 6/24/64. (C)

It was determined ALBERTSON was not in possession of his automobile but required the use of a car that evening. ALBERTSON's car was being repaired and he indicated if it were not ready he would have to rent a car for the night. Subsequently, ALBERTSON's car was made available to him. u

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4 - Bureau (100-3-104-34) (RM)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (42)
1 - New York (100-129802) (42)

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Special Agent in Charge

NY 100-129802
NY 100-129629

After picking up his car from the repair shop, ALBERTSON proceeded to his residence. He left home approximately 6:00 PM, and headed toward Nassau County. A previously established fixed surveillance in the vicinity of the Great Neck Railroad Station reflected ALBERTSON arrived at the station shortly after 8:00 PM. After parking his car, he was picked up by [redacted] and [redacted] in [redacted] car. Thereafter, they proceeded to [redacted] residence, [redacted] It was determined later in the evening, several other persons were present at [redacted] residence. & u

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At approximately 1:00 AM, 6/25/64, the meeting ended and ALBERTSON, again through a fixed surveillance, was determined to be returned to his automobile by [redacted] in [redacted] car. & u

At this point, the fisur was discontinued inasmuch as the agents were aware of the residence addresses of both individuals in whose c rs ALBERTSON had been earlier in the evening. & u

At 3:30 AM, after locating the car of [redacted] in the vicinity of his residence, [redacted] agents gained entry to [redacted] car. The bogus informant report was placed in the front seat of this car where ALBERTSON had been seated. & u

For the Bureau's information, [redacted] is currently a member of the New York District Board and Committee. It was felt that due to these positions he would be more likely to recognize all of the individuals mentioned in the report and would more readily conclude it was an informant report. [redacted] therefore, was selected as the most likely individual to follow through after reading this report and take some action. & u

All sources of the New York Office have been alerted for any possible repercussions of this action and the Bureau will be kept advised. (u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-33100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129302)
(100-129529)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(OO: NY)

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Re New York airtel, 6/22/64. (U)

A spot check of the automobile of [redacted] in Franklin Square, Long Island, on 6/20/64, reflected that the above informant report has been picked up by someone, presumably [redacted] (X) (U)

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No further information has been received as to what [redacted] has done or will do with this report. (X) (U)

The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments. (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-33105)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129302)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

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Re New York airtel, 6/25/64.

NY 4321-S* reported on 6/25/64, that at 6:52 PM, [redacted] "from out in the country", contacted the residence of [redacted] THOMPSON, District Organizer of the New York District CP. (U)

THOMPSON's wife, [redacted] stated BOB was not there at home. After ascertaining [redacted] wanted to see THOMPSON, [redacted] asked when [redacted] could come in. He replied he could not do so immediately, but what he had in mind was seeing THOMPSON on Sunday morning. (U)

[redacted] replied THOMPSON would not be available on Sunday as he was going out of town and she was not sure what time he would get back. She suggested Saturday morning as an alternate date. (U)

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(U) [redacted] replied that he was working on Saturday.

(U) [redacted] suggested that possibly THOMPSON could spare some time on Monday morning.

(U) [redacted] replied perhaps that would work out "if we have to", adding he would again try to call THOMPSON that evening.

(U) [redacted] replied she was sure THOMPSON would be in by 8-8:30 PM and for [redacted] to call then. He agreed.

(U) NY 4521-S* stated someone, presumably [redacted] attempted to contact the THOMPSON residence later that evening at approximately 8:30, 9:30 PM and 10:40 PM, however, no one was at home.

(U) A readout of the information furnished by NY 4521-S* reflected [redacted] while not overly excited, nonetheless, was disappointed THOMPSON was not available and just as determined that he wanted to see THOMPSON soon.

(U) [Based on the time element involved in this counterintelligence action, it is felt that [redacted] desires to see THOMPSON relative to the bogus informant report.] At this point, the NYO would speculate the following activity has taken place to date:

The bogus informant report was placed in [redacted] automobile in the early morning hours of Thursday, 6/25/64. [redacted] who would leave for work sometime around 7-7:30 AM, probably noticed the report in the morning, but due to going to work was unable to do anything with it. That evening, Thursday, he probably re-read the report and discussed its contents with his wife and possibly contacted someone else regarding it. [The following day, Friday, 6/26/64, almost immediately after returning home from work, [redacted] deciding this report was in fact an informant report, attempted to contact THOMPSON.]

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Due to the extremely sensitive nature of the over-all operation, no fisur was conducted of [redacted] or THOMPSON on Monday, 6/29/64, however, THOMPSON was observed entering CP Headquarters at 10:12 AM. b6 b7C

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ALBERTSON's desk calendar reflects a meeting of the District Board is scheduled for the evening of 6/29/64. [redacted] has been instructed to attend this meeting and to pay particular attention as to the manner in which ALBERTSON is treated as well as to note whether [redacted] is in attendance. b7D b6 b7C

The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments. (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129302)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50
(CO: NY)

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DATE OF REVIEW 6/30/84
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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6/29/64.

NY 2362-S* on 6/29/64, furnished information regarding a conference between BOB THOMPSON and GUS HALL regarding ALBERTSON and the bogus informant report. A good portion of the information was written on the blackboard and, therefore, (U) not available to the source.

(U) From a check of this information, it would appear the following transpired, pertinent statements made being quoted:

HALL, who apparently had been previously advised of this report, questioned THOMPSON as to any problems relating to ALBERTSON. THOMPSON stated he had been associated with ALBERTSON for 10-15 years and that "generally, there has never (U) been anything that would raise a problem. Of course, that in itself is never an attribute."

(U) HALL then told THOMPSON to go over "it" (informant report).

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Here, THOMPSON apparently wrote pertinent statements from the report on the blackboard. He stated he is morally certain it (ALBERTSON's being an informant) is not so, but it has to be checked.

Turning to the report, THOMPSON mentioned there is one sentence in the report relating to the staff. In referring to ALBERTSON and the staff, THOMPSON said ALBERTSON is very cynical and critical but beyond that he always thought there was never any reason to think elsewise.

Again referring to the report, THOMPSON very dejectedly stated, "Well, barring that 100th per cent of a chance, this must be true".

(U) HALL agreed and said he has always joked about it (the possibility of a highly placed informant) but in the back of his mind there has always been such a possibility.

THOMPSON asked who knows of the situation.

HALL replied, "Well.....(blackboard) and I suppose..... (Blackboard) and you know people were shocked with this one..... (blackboard). I forget now who he was assigned to."

THOMPSON stated, "Well, what you said you've said frequently but not in a serious way. But we have to do something about it".

Referring to the report and the blackboard, THOMPSON stated, "Well, you have this. I am absolutely positive of this (blackboard) and I know that this (blackboard) could and would be awfully close to (unintelligible)".

HALL replied, "I'm sure this is alright and I can check this".

In a low whisper, THOMPSON asked, "Handwriting?" (phonetic).

HALL whispered, "Yes".

THOMPSON replied, "You would have some right immediately available". THOMPSON added, "Now there's one thing it says here (blackboard). He's bound to be nervous..... or talking it over".

HALL, very low, replied, ".....I think the chances are great that....."

In regard to the above, it is the opinion of the New York Office, THOMPSON was referring to the statement in the informant report pertaining to JIM TORMEY possibly being suspicious of ALBERTSON, which would obviously make ALBERTSON nervous.

(U) Following what probably was a series of questions THOMPSON wrote on the blackboard, he stated, "These don't have to be answered but have to be thought about. A lot of people have complained over the years, that's one problem. The other is (blackboard) turns up. It's impossible not to (statement not finished), but rather a question of how."

HALL replied, "There is only one danger in it and I have to consider even the question of....."

THOMPSON broke in, stating, "Yeah, that's the hard thing".

After determining ALBERTSON would not be at CP Headquarters the next day, HALL indicated he might talk to ALBERTSON on Wednesday morning.

At this point, based on the tone and inflection of THOMPSON's voice, there is little question he believes the informant report to be genuine. HALL, at the same time, appeared to be swaying in that direction.

NY 694-S* advised on 6/30/64, that he had seen HALL on the evening of 6/29/64. At this time, swearing NY 694-S* to complete secrecy, even to the extent of not advising CG 5824-S*, HALL advised NY 694-S* of the existence of the informant report. HALL, who was unquestionably "shook up", (U) stated a terrific problem has arisen around ALBERTSON and that only a couple of people are aware of it. (S)

During their conversation, HALL made the following (U) points: (S)

1. He does not rule out the possibility the report (U) is a forgery. NY 694-S* advised he gained the impression, however, that HALL in reality feels the report is genuine. (S)

2. ALBERTSON at one time in the past was under (U) suspicion. (S)

3. HALL intends to "investigate hell out of this", (U) even if it takes 40 years. (S)

HALL gave NY 694-S* the informant report with a request he have photostats made and returned to HALL by (U) Wednesday, 7/1/64. (S)

During the conversation, NY 694-S* reminded HALL he has stated in the past he felt there was an informant on the National Committee and ALBERTSON fills the bill in this (U) regard. (S)

The following background information is being set forth for the information of the Chicago Office. It is requested that for the time being at least this information (U) not be furnished to CG 5824-S*. (C)

As a result of a counterintelligence suggestion of the New York Office, the Laboratory furnished the New York Office with a handwritten informant report, in ALBERTSON's (U) handwriting, [prepared on paper secured at CP Headquarters.] On (C)

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6/24/64, ALBERTSON had a scheduled meeting in Nassau County, the only known time ALBERTSON travels in an automobile other than his own. At approximately 1:00 AM, 6/25/64, ALBERTSON was returned to his automobile by [redacted] in [redacted] car. At 3:30 AM, after locating [redacted] car, agents gained entry to this vehicle and placed the informant report in the front seat where ALBERTSON had been seated. [On 6/26/64, [redacted] attempted to arrange a meeting with BOB THOMPSON in the very near future. The above conversation of HALL and THOMPSON is undoubtedly the result of [redacted] meeting with THOMPSON.] (U)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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10-6-80 Exemptions

This is to advise of a development which has greatly relieved the danger which has threatened the security of NY 694-S* and CG 5824-S* as well as our sensitive SOLO operation. The events which placed our informants and the SOLO operation in jeopardy were a statement made by former Special Agent Jack Levine some months ago to the effect that a top Party functionary was an FBI informant and the recent column by Victor Riesel which imperiled the security of our SOLO operation while NY 694-S* was in Moscow a few weeks ago. Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, indicated it was urgent that the leak in the Party leadership be uncovered.

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FBI (S)

My memorandum dated 6/12/64 was approved authorizing a unique counterintelligence operation calculated to cast suspicion on Communist Party (CP) National Committee member and Executive Secretary of the New York District Organization, William Albertson. It was our intention to place Albertson in the unenviable position of being suspected as an FBI informant through the use of a planted bogus informant report prepared by the Laboratory in Albertson's handwriting on paper used by him with a ballpoint pen of the type he uses.

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We felt if Albertson, who is considered one of the most efficient and capable functionaries of the New York Party organization, could be depicted as an FBI informant, his resulting isolation or expulsion from the Party would be a devastating blow to the New York District organization. Also, it was imperative that immediate steps be taken to relieve pressure on our top informants after the recent revelations in columnist Victor Riesel's column that caused NY 694-S* to be placed "on the carpet" by the Soviets in Moscow a few weeks ago and jeopardized the security of the entire Solo operation.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Early in the morning of 6/25/64, New York Office Agents placed the bogus informant report on the seat used by Albertson in the car of State CP Board member Dave Bennett after the latter had dropped off Albertson following a CP meeting in Great Neck, Long Island. [Later we learned Bennett had telephoned Robert Thompson, New York District CP Organizer, stating he had to see the latter immediately to discuss a matter of great urgency.]

Today ASAC Donald E. Roney of the New York Office telephonically advised that Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, had summoned NY 694-S* to advise of a matter of great importance. Obviously greatly concerned, Hall swore the informant to secrecy and related he had irrefutable evidence that the high-level leak in the CP leadership was Albertson, indicating Albertson was undoubtedly the important CP leader described by Levine. Hall stated at this point he did not know what to do, although he had to take some positive action. Hall reiterated to NY 694-S* the necessity for absolute secrecy in this matter, stating only a few Party people were aware of this development.

This is a significant development which has directed the attention of Hall toward Albertson as the leak in the Party leadership.

ACTION:

We are following this situation closely to determine the action the CP will take against Albertson and will be alert to recommend additional counterintelligence action to capitalize on the current plight of the Communist Party, USA, and its most capable New York District leader.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(100-438103)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129602)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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DATE OF REVIEW 6-30-84

Re New York airtel, 6/30/64.

NY 2373-S* reported on 6/30/64, WILLIAM ALBERTSON contacted New York Bureau of Headquarters and indicated he was going out into the 'wilds of Coney Island' and would be unavailable for contact by anyone for the day. (U)

NY 2373-S* reported on 6/30/64, a meeting of leading CP functionaries convened at 11:00 AM. Following a return from a brief break at 1:05 PM, FOR INFORMATION spent the next 30-35 minutes writing on the blackboard, only occasionally muttering a word or two. (U)

NY 2373-S* reported due to the utilization of an air conditioner at CP Headquarters, most of the ensuing conversation was unintelligible. However, it is being deduced by the New York Office, [illegible] spent this 30-35 minutes writing down pertinent portions of the to be informant report. (U)

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Following THOMPSON's action, various individuals made brief comments. It should be noted by the Bureau the following comments are taken out of context and may or may not relate specifically to this informant report.

[redacted]: ".....His reaction was very weak..... I always had a feeling....." b6 b7C

ARNOLD JOHNSON: "It's a very pointed sign".

GUS HALL: "I'm sure there are some questions about .....(blackboard) of yesterday..... I'll have the details..... It's imperative that they be aware of this downstairs..... He (or we) may decide to postpone the whole thing....."

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PHIL BART: "I would add if it involves anyone else that it be done by somebody whom we can trust".

NY 4521-S* reported on 7/1/64, the following conversation took place between MARY KAUFMAN and BOB THOMPSON at 8:10 AM:

M.K. - "I would like another copy. I was wondering if it would be possible to dictate it to him? Unless by doing it you would be indicating purpose. I don't know if you would want to do that".

B.T. - "The copy - won't you have to have the original?"

M.K. - "Yes, I would like the original and I would like the copy which you dictate to him containing the same thing. If you can't do that - in other words, if he doesn't understand your purpose, then there is no sense in doing that. By telling him the purpose. In other words, if you don't want to tell him the purpose of this thing, then don't".

B.T. - "Oh, I see".

M.K. - "Yet, if on the other hand you don't mind telling him the purpose of this thing then that would really be conclusive. It isn't 100 per cent essential. It would give you one hell of a clear indication right off the bat. You know, willingness would be - you know. Unwillingness would reflect something else. Isn't that so? Or is it? I really don't know".

B.T. - "Yes, I've got a good deal more of the material itself."

(U) M.K. - "Oh, you have material? Also, I was thinking in terms of the material that you have. Whether or not it is suitable from the point of view of content".

B.T. - "Uh huh. Well, I would have to try to be selective on that and see that you also have a chance to give it a glance".

M.K. - "Yeah. Let me indicate to you. If you don't want to indicate to him what you intend to do then don't pursue this any further. If you don't mind his understanding of what's going on then do it. But if you do mind his understanding don't".

B.T. - "No, no, that's not really the problem. There is another problem involved. But I'll probably do that anyway. I'll make a stab at it."

M.K. - "Yes. For one thing that is going to indicate something too".

NY 4521-S* reported on 7/1/64, BOB THOMPSON requested JIM TORMEY to be at CP Headquarters by 9:30 AM.

Further, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON advised THOMPSON he called ALBERTSON last night and asked about his son. THOMPSON asked how PATTERSON knew ALBERTSON's son was sick. He replied he assumed so since ALBERTSON was not in yesterday. In answer to a question, PATTERSON said he called ALBERTSON between 10:00 and 11:00 PM last night. THOMPSON said he asked because he saw ALBERTSON last night.

NY 2603-S* reported on 7/1/64, a request was made that JOHN ABT be at CP Headquarters by 11:30 AM to see GUS HALL.

(U) NY 694-S* reported on 7/11/64, in a conversation with GUS HALL, HALL furnished the following information:

(U) (U) On 6/30/64, the CPUSA Secretariat met and formed a committee to investigate the ALBERTSON case, HALL heading this committee.

HALL related some days ago ALBERTSON was in a car with the organizer of Nassau County (DAVE BENNETT), and BENNETT found a letter which he thinks dropped out of ALBERTSON's pocket because ALBERTSON was the last one to be in the car. This (U) letter was turned in to the Party.

The letter said the following:

That he, ALBERTSON, is on his way to Nassau County and will give a more detailed report when he gets back from Nassau about the last Board and Committee meeting and State meeting, etc.; that he is getting a little bit worried that JIM TORMEY is becoming suspicious, and, also, that he would like to ask for more expense money as he wants to do something regarding his car.

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They confronted ALBERTSON and his wife yesterday, 6/30/64, about this. Both denied having written the letter and called it a frame.

The committee had contacted MARY KAUFMAN who got in touch with an outstanding handwriting expert who examined the letter very carefully. This expert said he is 90 per cent sure the letter is in the same handwriting as ALBERTSON and, therefore, he is almost sure, because this is not only a signature, it is a long handwritten document in ink. Therefore, it would be extraordinary to be able to copy or forge such a long written document. HALL said they are going to get one or two more experts to look into it, although he personally feels this is ALBERTSON's handwriting.

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HALL said he had spoken personally with several people, including ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN who was "shocked and shook". FLYNN recalled ALBERTSON had been suspected several years back as being an agent and, at that time, his former wife, who is the mother of his two adult children, told the Party and accused him before the Party of being an agent. FLYNN stated that instead of ALBERTSON's being expelled, she was expelled from the Party.

HALL said the committee spoke to JIM TORMEY and asked if he suspected ALBERTSON of being an agent. TORMEY said he did not suspect ALBERTSON so much but he was pretty suspicious about the way he has been acting the last few years. TORMEY said ALBERTSON was trying to take on everything himself, organization and everything else. Particularly, ALBERTSON grabbed Nassau and Queens Counties of the New York District for himself. That in itself is very suspicious because these two counties are very strategic in the New York State Party because this is where they have secret political people, politicians and key people, both within the Democratic Party and other organizations. Therefore, the suspicion looks toward him because he wanted these counties for himself.

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TORMEY further recalled that after MILT ROSEN was kicked out of the Industrial Division, ALBERTSON put himself in a strategic position. He wanted to take over the Industrial Division and again he is suspected for wanting an important position because this is where the trade unions and workers are.

HALL said PHIL BART is to look into the past activities of ALBERTSON, such as in Michigan and Pittsburgh, and will "get the documents".

(U) HALL, hearing about the past accusations against ALBERTSON for the first time, remarked people are beginning to come forward and point to ALBERTSON as suspicious.

HALL went on to state that if this is a forged document, and they are giving it every benefit, he will not do as the Russians do, shoot first and rehabilitate later.

HALL related that once before they had a fight with ALBERTSON and his wife. The FBI contacted ALBERTSON hours later and offered them both $500 a month and said they did not want witnesses, they wanted information.

Returning to the letter, HALL said it is interesting the Party knew about this hours later and what is interesting is that the same sheet of paper on which the letter is written is the same paper in ALBERTSON's desk. He said "they" (FBI) would have to be pretty darn good to have worked that fast. HALL said if the letter is a forgery then it is still very dangerous as it means someone within the office is very, very close to the FBI.

HALL told NY 694-S* to immediately notify the Cuban Government to stop [redacted] with whom ALBERTSON was in close touch, and to notify them that she is not to leave Cuba or she will be arrested. Further, that if ALBERTSON is proven guilty, this is the reason for the recent arrest of Cuban nationals in New York. b6 b7C

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NY 694-S* stated this instruction from HALL was the result of the informant's telling HALL that, while recently in Cuba, BEATRICE JOHNSON, CPUSA liaison with the Cubans, told him
(U) the following: (S)

[redacted] who before JOHNSON's arrival was the unofficial representative of "The Worker", told JOHNSON that BILL ALBERTSON in New York was "her hero". According to JOHNSON, there have been rumors that [redacted] and ALBERTSON have had "an affair". JOHNSON quoted [redacted] as saying that in her opinion ALBERTSON would be a better Secretary of the CP than
(U) would GUS HALL. (S)

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NY 694-S* stated HALL said that on the one hand if ALBERTSON is an informant, the question is do we or don't we publicly expose him in this country and to the world, and, if we do so will not many people leave the Party for fear
(U) ALBERTSON knew of their activities and report on them. On the other hand, if they don't they are in a quandry.

NY 2353-S* reported on 7/1/64, MARY KAUFMAN contacted BOB THOMPSON and said she had taken care of that matter, except she won't be able to get any results until Friday. It's that kind of a thing that requires two days of attention. She said she was "quite satisfied" with the person she turned the matter over to. She stated it would cost much more than at first anticipated.

THOMPSON asked if it were the "old place" and KAUFMAN said, "No, it was the second one I proposed". She stated she would contact THOMPSON on Friday morning with the results.

NY 694-S* advised HALL told him to pass the information to CG 5824-S* for his information, but this does not mean for
(U) CG 5824-S* to come to New York. HALL merely wants CG 5824-S* to know it and to tell him what has been done so far. (S)

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NY 694-S* stated he is elated over this situation since it removes suspicion surrounding him over a recent article by VICTOR REISEL and that it further protects CG 5824-S* as the source on the National Committee. (U)

Chicago should additionally advise CG 5324-S* this entire operation was instigated by the Bureau in order that he will know which direction to follow should the matter be placed before him as a member of the Review Commission. (U)

As Detroit and Pittsburgh are aware, the NYO planned a counterintelligence action against ALBERTSON. The above is being furnished these offices for their information. Detroit and Pittsburgh should remain alert for any information regarding this activity, particularly the possibility PHIL BART will conduct an investigation. Detroit and Pittsburgh are cautioned not to take any action regarding this situation except upon instructions from the Bureau and New York. At this time the NYO is planning no further activity inasmuch as the CP is furnishing all the momentum necessary.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

My memorandum 6/30/64 advised of the initial exceptional developments relating to our Counterintelligence Program operation to cast suspicion on Communist Party (CP) National Committee member and New York District Executive Secretary William Albertson as an FBI informant. It now appears Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), and other top Party leaders have accepted our planted bogus report in Albertson's handwriting as authentic and considers the New York CP official as the "leak" in the national CP leadership referred to by former SA [redacted] Our top informant, NY 694-S*, is elated with these developments which have relieved the pressure which threatened the security of the sensitive Solo operation. (U)

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The turmoil caused by this counterintelligence operation is increasing in momentum. Set forth below are additional developments. (U)

1. On 6/29/64 Hall and Robert Thompson, New York District CP Organizer, discussed the guilt of Albertson. Thompson indicated that in spite of his association with Albertson for 10 to 15 years he felt the report must be genuine. Hall indicated he, too, was beginning to believe the report authentic. (U)

2. On 6/30/64 Hall advised NY 694-S* he did not rule out the possibility the report was a forgery. He revealed Albertson had been under suspicion in the past. Hall said he intended to "investigate the hell out of this" even if it takes 40 years. (U)

3. Hall advised NY 694-S* Albertson had been summoned to Party headquarters on 6/30/64 and confronted with the report. Hall said although Albertson denied the report was in his handwriting, an

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expert had examined the document and was 90 per cent sure it was in Albertson's handwriting. Hall stated he was now convinced Albertson was an FBI informant for he had determined that the paper in Albertson's desk at headquarters was identical to the paper used for the informant report. (U)

4. On 6/30/64 Albertson contacted CP headquarters and indicated he was going into the "wilds of Coney Island" and would be unavailable for contact by anyone for the day. (U)

5. Later on 6/30/64 a meeting of leading CP functionaries was held at CP headquarters to discuss the allegation against Albertson. James Jackson, "The Worker" editor, indicated he always had "a feeling" against Albertson. Arnold Johnson, CP public relations official, indicated the report was a "pointed sign" of Albertson's guilt. (U)

6. On 7/1/64 CP Attorney Mary Kaufman and New York District Organizer Robert Thompson discussed the possibility of obtaining specimens of Albertson's handwriting for comparison by a handwriting expert. They stated if Albertson was unwilling to submit handwriting samples it will be indicative of possible guilt. (U)

7. On 7/1/64 Thompson indicated he had made inquiries regarding Albertson's whereabouts on the previous evening. (U)

8. John Abt, CP Attorney, was requested to come to CP headquarters to confer with Hall. (U)

9. The CPUSA National Secretariat met and formed a committee to investigate the Albertson case. Hall is to personally head this committee. (U)

10. Hall expressed the opinion it would be extraordinary (for the FBI) to be able to copy or forge such a long written document. He said he was going to get additional experts to examine the document although he felt it was definitely Albertson's handwriting. (U)

11. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, National Chairman, CPUSA, recalled Albertson had been suspected several years back and his former wife, who was expelled from the Party, had accused him of being an agent. (U)

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12. James Tormey, New York District CP leader, indicated Albertson had been acting suspicious and had assumed extra responsibilities in key areas. (U)

13. Hall appointed Phil Bart, National Organization Secretary, to look into the past activities of Albertson in Michigan and Pittsburgh and to "get the documents" relating to areas where Albertson formerly was assigned. (U)

14. Hall told NY 694-S* to notify the Cuban Government to stop [redacted] with whom Albertson has been in close contact and to notify them she is not to leave Cuba or she will be arrested. Dritsis has recently been acting as CPUSA representative in Cuba and the Party had recently summoned her to return to the United States. Hall recalled that [redacted] had been involved with the Cuban sabotage case (in New York City in 11/62) and he stated the Party had determined Albertson had had an affair with [redacted] Hall indicated it was probable Albertson had leaked data obtained from [redacted] to the FBI which resulted in the arrest of the Cuban saboteurs. Arnold Johnson reported [redacted] as recently stating that in her opinion Albertson would be a better secretary of the CP than Hall. (U) (TS)

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15. Hall was bewildered as to what action to take if Albertson is proved to be an informant. He stated if he was publicly exposed to the world many people would leave the CP because they would know Albertson had reported on them. (U)

16. CP Attorney Kaufman advised Thompson on 7/1/64 that she had turned the report over (probably to a handwriting expert) and it would take two days to conduct the examination. She indicated the examination would be expensive. (U)

17. Hall instructed NY 694-S* contact CG 5824-S* to brief him regarding the Albertson case (CG 5824-S* is the Chairman of the Party's Review Commission which is responsible for security and disciplinary matters). Hall stated CG 5824-S* was not to take action until notified. (U) (TS)

ACTION:

You will be advised of additional developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

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Re New York airtel, 7/1/64.

NY 2384-S* reported on 7/1/64, a meeting of the New York District CP Staff was held at New York District CP Headquarters. Due to extensive use of the blackboard, NY 2384-S* was unable to secure complete information, however, basically, the following transpired regarding the ALBERTSON case:

(U) BOB THOMPSON indicated the Party has to be sure ALBERTSON is an informant before it can take any positive action. He stated "there was a new thing thrown in, to which I am not inclined to react favorably". He said that whatever decision is made they will have to wait the result of the second handwriting examination.

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(65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
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1 - Pittsburgh (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info) (RM)
1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (42)
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BETTY GANNETT stated they could not take any chances and if "they" (handwriting expert) think it is true, we cannot reveal it. GANNETT, referring to the informant report, mostly be references to the blackboard, said we were all given this information (probably various areas of responsibility), but not in detail, whereas the informant report is exact. This is what makes this serious. (GANNETT undoubtedly meant ALBERTSON is the one person who would have this exact information. It is known ALBERTSON maintained a typed sheet of paper containing this information in his desk).

(U) Referring to handwriting, GANNETT stated there are variations in everybody's, but there are certain characteristics that.....

THOMPSON said there are a few problems which must be decided because all that is involved in this situation will have a very heavy impact. He said they had to give their best political attention to this situation. THOMPSON said this problem is complicated by the vacation period and that they may have to reorganize.

At this point in the meeting, BETTY GANNETT launched into a tirade. She stated she has been ignored in this situation and has not even been invited to attend the meetings. She indicated she has been treated shabbily for a number of years. GANNETT then suggested she be removed from the Staff, District Board and District Committee, and whatever reason she would be given would be alright with her. (GANNETT was sobbing and crying during this tirade).

JIM TORMEY backed GANNETT up, stating he was ready to take her case before the National Board. He said GANNETT has been the victim of slander and gossip and that since "we are going to have this reorganization, we should try to create an objective of work."

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Following more arguing between GANNETT, THOMPSON, TORMEY and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, TORMEY stated, "It's a disgrace how she's been handled. It's a G.. D... disgrace to the Party, not just the Committee. The fact is we promote stool pigeons over honest people....."

The Bureau will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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1 - Mr. English
1 - Mr. Ryan

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To: SACS, New York (100-129802)
Chicago (100-32864)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI ~~(100-3-104-84)~~

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The Bureau is extremely pleased with the exceptional initial results realized by the sophisticated and imaginative counterintelligence action successfully initiated against the Communist Party, USA, and New York District Communist Party functionary William Albertson by the New York Office. There is no doubt that this operation has already done irreparable harm to the national Communist Party organization. (U)

New York and Chicago should keep the Bureau advised on a continuing basis of all pertinent developments by the most expeditious means warranted. Both offices remain alert to recommend follow-up counterintelligence action to capitalize on the current plight of the national Communist Party organization. (U) 65-38100

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1 - New York (100-129629)

1 - 65-38100 (Albertson)

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NOTE:

Our bogus informant report devised as a counterintelligence action by the New York Office and simulated in the handwriting of William Albertson by the (U)

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Airtel to New York
Chicago
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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NOTE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

Laboratory, has caused a tremendous upheaval in the national Party leadership. Party leaders have accepted the report as authentic and believe Albertson to be the top level leak in the Communist Party organization. This action has removed some of the recent pressure on our top informants occasioned by statements made by former Special Agent Levine and untimely newspaper leaks which have imperiled the SOLO operation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129302)
(100-129089)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(OO: NY)

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Re New York airtel, 7/6/64.

On July 6, 1964, NY 694-S* telephonically advised that he had just been LENA [redacted]. LENA told the informant that she had been talking with PHIL BART and that BART had told her that [redacted] just caught the biggest rat of all (ALBERTSON). (U)

LENA stated that his conclusion was very definite and there was no question ALBERTSON was an informant. LENA told NY 694-S* that this did not surprise her as she had known it all along and had suspected ALBERTSON as an informant while he was in Pittsburgh. After ALBERTSON and his wife left Pittsburgh and went to Michigan, his wife turned him in to the Party as being anti-Party and possibly an informant and the Party did not believe her and turned her out rather than her husband. (U)

4 - Bureau (100-3-104-34) (RM)
(1 - 65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
1 - Chicago (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info) (RM)
1 - Detroit (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info) (RM)
1 - Pittsburgh (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info) (RM)
1 - New York: [redacted] (INF) (RM)
1 - New York (100-129089) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-129302) (RM)
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LENA further stated that he was previously married to [redacted] who left the Party at the same time that other right-wingers such as SID STEIN left the Party. Over the years, he has been involved with 10 or 20 women. After he left [redacted] he took on a girl named [redacted] and had two sons by her. [redacted] is the one that reported him to the CP. After leaving [redacted] he lived with a Negro girl, identity unknown, and had a child by her, who is about seven years old today. b6 b7C

Informant stated that according to LENA, ALBERTSON always had a weakness for women and money. It is understood that when BOB THOMPSON was ill, he collected money for him and never turned it in. Further, he was involved in the collection of money for the bail fund and never turned all of that in. In addition, he ~~was about to~~ got control of Nassau and Queens, where the real money from the Party standpoint is located and it is expected that he obtained money from these sources. (U)

LENA stated that they had never had such a person in such a high position who turned out to be an informant and that this could be disastrous. They are much afraid that many people will leave the Party once this becomes generally known. PHIL BART has been designated to do research on ALBERTSON in order to uncover all the "dirt" possible so that it may be used against ALBERTSON.

Informant stated that when he previously talked to GUS HALL on the matter, HALL mentioned that an ex-agent (JACK LEVINE) had stated that the FBI had an informant in a very high position in the CP and HALL is satisfied that ALBERTSON was the one referred to (by LEVINE).

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(62-33100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-139202)
(100-139029)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(OO: NY)

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Re New York airtel, 7/2/64.

NY [redacted]* reported on 7/2/64, [redacted] was in the Cultural section of the New York Bureau, contacted Pete Lalor in an attempt to locate ALBERTSON, who was scheduled to have a professional and cultural meeting that evening. [redacted] did not know where ALBERTSON was. [redacted] then indicated trip would have to be another date. (U)

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NY [redacted]* later reported on 7/2/64, [redacted] contacted JACOB LINDAU and said they would have to cancel the meeting due to ALBERTSON's absence. (U)

(At this point, [redacted] undoubtedly had no knowledge of ALBERTSON's difficulty). (U)

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1 - Chicago (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info) (RM)
1 - Detroit (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info) (RM)
1 - Pittsburgh (100-) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (Info) (RM)
1 - New York (100-21) (INV) (RM)
1 - New York (100-139202) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-139029) (RM)
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NY 4521-S* reported on 7/3/64, the following conversation took place between BOB THOMPSON and [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] - "I got the information on the phone and it's conclusive, scientifically conclusive, absolutely beyond any question of a doubt. I'm going to get a short letter stating the conclusion, probably sometime between 12 and one. I won't know until noon time what time I'll get it. But the analysis I received, with scientific support, is conclusive".

B.T. - "Well, that's adequate then".

[redacted] "In other words, that's enough and I don't have to get the thing to you physically?"

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B.T. - "No. I do want the thing physically, but any way that is most convenient to you in the sense of [illegible] you any place".

[redacted] - "I see. I'm supposed to get a call at noon time at which time I will be advised what time it could be picked up and where it could be picked up. So I can call you then to let you know or you can call me".

NY 2303-S* reported on 7/4/64, SI [redacted] told ARNOLD JOHNSON he had spoken to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON that day about the personnel problem "where they are going to get a few guys called in". [redacted] added, "I'll tell you, that really hurts ".

NY 4466-S* reported on 7/4/64, BETTY GARRETT contacted [redacted] above, and told her to get dressed, that she and GARRETT had to take a little walk regarding something rather important (ALBERTSON situation).

NY 4521-S* reported on 7/4/64, [redacted] attempted to contact BOB THOMPSON and arrange a meeting with him.

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Thereafter, SYLVIA THOMPSON reached WILLIAM L. PATTERSON at New York District Headquarters trying to locate BOB THOMPSON.

PATTERSON told her BOB was going to several counties with JIM TORMEY and that he, PATTERSON, was handling Brooklyn.

Later, SYLVIA reached BOB and told him of LIL ALBERTSON's request. THOMPSON said this was "very important" and that he would handle it.

NY 4921-S* reported on 7/5/64, BETTY GANNETT contacted THOMPSON and said she was through contacting those people she was supposed to and does not feel good about what has taken place.

(U) NY 3953-S* reported on 7/5/64, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, BETTY GANNETT and JIM TORMEY were in ALBERTSON's office at New York District Headquarters. NY 3953-S* advised he gained the impression ALBERTSON's desk was being "cleaned out".

[redacted] reported on 7/6/64, the following transpired early that morning:

At 7:30 AM, informant received a telephone call from WILLIAM PATTERSON, Chairman of the New York District, who told her to get a taxicab right away and come over to his house. PATTERSON met the informant on the street in front of his house and furnished the following information concerning BILL ALBERTSON. b7D

PATTERSON stated that ALBERTSON had written a letter to some individual, which had fallen out of his pocket enroute from a CP meeting, and rested on the front seat of an automobile. This letter was turned over to the CP and had been examined by handwriting experts and it was concluded that the handwriting was ALBERTSON's. This document exposed ALBERTSON as an informant. The letter was shown to [redacted] and she stated that it was extremely difficult to believe that ALBERTSON was an informant.

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PATTERSON stated that the Party had confronted ALBERTSON and his wife on Tuesday, 6/30/64, and ALBERTSON stated that it was a frame-up. He stated that the handwriting, particularly the Ws and the Ds, looked like his handwriting, but he felt that, nonetheless, it was a frame-up. PATTERSON noted that ALBERTSON was extremely calm during the confrontation. During the confrontation, ALBERTSON asked to be excused for an hour as he had promised to take his little fellow to the fireworks. ALBERTSON was gone for an hour while the Party continued its interview with ALBERTSON's wife, LILLIAN. By absenting himself at such a crucial time, the CP believes ALBERTSON called the FBI for instructions. ALBERTSON's wife stated that it was a frame-up, but she had no specific defense on his part. ALBERTSON returned and still remained calm and alleged that this was a frame-up. He did not show up at Headquarters for the remainder of last week. At the end of the week, LILLIAN ALBERTSON again called the Party for another interview and the Party went out to see them that evening. ALBERTSON wanted to know when this matter would be cleared up so that he could return to work. He again alleged that it was a frame-up, but remained extremely calm throughout the interview.

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PATTERSON told the informant that there would be a New York District Board meeting the evening of 7/6/64, where they would discuss this matter, and that ALBERTSON would be expelled from the CP on 7/7/64. The informant told PATTERSON that she found it very difficult to believe that ALBERTSON was an informant because he was such a hard worker. PATTERSON agreed that ALBERTSON was a very hard worker, but pointed out that he had no close friends in the Party. The informant questioned PATTERSON as to the effect this would have on the morale of the Party. PATTERSON stated that the leadership had spent the weekend talking to various key people throughout the New York District to orient the District membership so that the shock would not be too great.

PATTERSON concluded that two handwriting experts had examined the letter and that it was conclusive beyond a doubt that this was ALBERTSON's handwriting.

(U) PATTERSON added the two things that convinced the Party ALEXANDER was an informant, prior to receipt of the second handwriting analysis, were, first, the calmness with which he reacted to the situation, and, second, the fact he left the initial interview ostensibly to take his son to the fireworks.

The informant stated that she will report on 7/7/64, the results of the board meeting 7/6/64.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

July 7, 1964

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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My recent memoranda have advised you of the exceptional counterintelligence operation planned and executed by the New York Office utilizing a planted bogus informant report simulated by the Laboratory in the handwriting of Communist Party (CP) National Committee member and Executive Secretary of the New York District CP, William Albertson, to cast suspicion on the latter as an FBI informant. The turmoil created within Party ranks by this unprecedented operation has increased in momentum and today's edition of "The Worker" in an article headlined "New York Communists Denounce Albertson as Informer," sets forth Albertson's expulsion as a "stool pigeon and informer" (see attached). Albertson was the most efficient and active communist leader in the New York District organization and his identification as an "informer" is a disastrous blow to the national and state Party organizations.

In recent years, Albertson has been the leading Party organizer in sensitive areas such as the Cultural Section, the Professional Section, the Industrial Division and surburban county organizations. The Party is now faced with the necessity of reorganizing these areas while at the same time preventing the membership which has been "exposed" from deserting its ranks. The Communist Party, USA, will be discredited in the eyes of the Soviets and there is no doubt this operation has relieved mounting pressure upon our sensitive, highly placed top informants. We anticipate we will realize counterintelligence and investigative benefits as a result of this operation for many months to come. An extremely damaging blow has been dealt the Communist Party, USA.

The ingenious planning of this operation by personnel of the New York Office is exemplary and that office has been instructed to promptly submit recommendations for incentive awards.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (W)
100-3-104-34

(U) The skill of the Laboratory in preparing the bogus informant report in Albertson's handwriting has been tested by the best handwriting experts the Party was able to obtain and the Party has stated the authenticity of the bogus document is "scientifically conclusive." Appropriate recommendations for incentive awards for Seat of Government personnel participating in this operation will be forthcoming.

Undoubtedly, we may expect a large number of inquiries from the press and other Government agencies relating to Albertson's exposure as "a police agent." The New York Office and pertinent Bureau personnel have been advised to respond to such inquiries with a strict "No comment."

ACTION:

For information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(62-33100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129302)
(100-129129)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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LILLIAN ALBERTSON
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(OO: NY)

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Re New York airtels, 7/5/64.

NY 2533-S* reported on 7/5/64, BOB THOMPSON contacted ALBERTSON and arranged to meet him at Martin's Bar at 4:00 PM.

NY 2534-S* reported on 7/5/64, THOMPSON thereafter told JIM [redacted], LILLIAN L. PATTERSON and JIM JACKSON that the first thing to do is to make it very clear to ALBERTSON that the jig is up as far as any remotest doubt. Further, the best thing is to tell him then and there it is to his own advantage if he resigns.

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JIM JACKSON said it should be speedy and to the point. He said ALBERTSON should be reminded that we weighed all the comes painfully.

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NY 2339-S* reported on 7/6/64, following the meeting with ALBERTSON, JIM JACKSON stated ALBERTSON offered to take a lie detector test and in general protested his innocence.

BOB THOMPSON stated he felt ALBERTSON was playing it down to the last since there is nothing to be gained from his point of view in turning over anything he may know to us.

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[redacted] reported on 7/7/64, the following transpired at a meeting of the New York District CP Board held 7/6/64, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City:

(U) The Board was originally scheduled to meet at the Hotel Woodstock, however, EDITH ROSENBERG advised the Board members as they arrived at the Hotel that the meeting place had been changed. This was done for reasons of security.

BOB THOMPSON presented the main report, in which he reviewed the ALBERTSON case. He stated the informant report had been checked by more than one handwriting expert and these experts came to the conclusion, based not only on the handwriting, but also on the contents of the report, that ALBERTSON had written this report.

THOMPSON related the CP had spoken to ALBERTSON on three occasions. On each occasion, ALBERTSON remained calm and claimed he was being framed and demanded to know where this report was found.

THOMPSON read a release which would appear in the midweek "Worker" on 7/7/64, said release denouncing ALBERTSON as an informer and formally expelling him from the CP.

THOMPSON told the Board members to see as many key people as possible and explain to them that the work must go on. Further, that other personnel have to be looked into; that it must be decided who will take ALBERTSON's place, and, that the investigation of ALBERTSON is to continue. He said ALBERTSON had been requested to turn in his car to the Party, which he has done.

[redacted] asked if ALBERTSON's wife, LIL, had been asked to leave the Party. THOMPSON replied that there has been nothing derogatory found regarding LIL and that it is up to her whether or not she desires to continue as a Party member.

[redacted] stated he could not believe this situation, adding it might be a frame. He asked if the Party could judge the validity of the person or persons who found this document in a car. (At this point, [redacted] was sharply asked how he knew this document had been found in a car. He did not reply). [redacted] then asked how they could be sure of the handwriting.

(U) BOB THOMPSON replied it was not only the handwriting on the document and its contents, but the report they received pointed to such things as handwriting speed, pattern, etc., and said all of these things are just like a fingerprint. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he had found out yesterday the same situation regarding ALBERTSON existed in Detroit where his first wife accused him of being an informant. [redacted] stated this was passed off by the Detroit Party, which did not take the allegation seriously. He said ALBERTSON played it smart thereafter and did not take a leading position right away and slowly worked his way up in the leadership.

LOUIS CAMNETT agreed and said the problem had existed when ALBERTSON was in Pittsburgh.

[redacted] stated he had his suspicions about ALBERTSON three years ago. He said that in a Marxist Party, one has to expect to find spies.

[redacted] questioned the adequacy of Party security and the holding of meetings at the same location with regularity.

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[redacted] stated there might be some problems with Youth. He said that although the youth did not like ALBERTSON, they nonetheless respected him. He said youth and ALBERTSON had one thing in common and that was the McCarran Act.

[redacted] stated ALBERTSON was thinking of writing a biography regarding the McCarran Act to raise money. She said ALBERTSON over the years has raised a lot of money for McCarran Act defense and this is going to be very hard to explain to people.

BOB THOMPSON stated they had talked to the lawyers and the statement was made they did not think ALBERTSON could do anything regarding the McCarran Act. In regard to the case itself (ALBERTSON-PROCTOR), the lawyers are still checking to see what can be done. (U) b6 b7C

[redacted] asked why ALBERTSON had signed his name to the document.

BETTY GARRETT replied she had checked with the lawyers and was advised that if this document were to be used in court by ALBERTSON as a witness, he would have to sign it in his own name.

[redacted] stated she could not understand why ALBERTSON remained so calm during all of this. She said this release on ALBERTSON should also be printed in the "Morning Freiheit".

[redacted] stated he felt the Party had acted too swiftly. He said two people had come into the bookstore asking him about it and he did not know what to say. He said ALBERTSON was well liked in Brooklyn; he worked hard; gave good reports, and, was always ready to serve as a speaker.

JIM TORMEY stated he agreed with BOB THOMPSON's report and we must accept expulsion. He said the Party had no time to move slowly and had to act as quickly as possible. TORMEY stated, "The one thing we should remember is that the enemy lost again and the Party won. We have exposed one of their big stool-pigeons".

BETTY GARNETT stated there are all kinds of stool-pigeons. First, there are the punks, those that come in, stay a while, then get out. Then, there are those who come in just to provoke incidents. Then, there are those like ALBERTSON who have been in the Party for 32 years and are smart, clever persons. She said the Party did not know how long ALBERTSON has been an informant.

(U) WILLIAM L. PATTERSON said that based on the handwriting and contents of the document there was no question as to ALBERTSON's guilt. He said the fact ALBERTSON did not put up a vigorous fight proves he must be guilty.

BETTY GARNETT agreed. She said she is an emotional person and ALBERTSON, on occasion, has shown emotion, but his lack of fight on this occasion points to his guilt.

BOB THOMPSON stated a committee has been formed to investigate the ALBERTSON case and to handle his various contacts until a replacement can be found.

"The Worker", midweek edition, 7/7/64, page 8, contained an article entitled, "N.Y. Communists Denounce ALBERTSON as Informer". (U)

A letterhead memorandum regarding this article is being prepared and will be submitted under the ALBERTSON caption. (U)

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1 - Mr. Ryan

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To: SAC's, New York (100-129802)
Chicago (100-32664)
Detroit [redacted]
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From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

Reference is made to recent correspondence between the Bureau, New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Detroit Offices, relating to counterintelligence activity directed against Communist Party National Committee member William Albertson. (C) U

All information relating to this specific counterintelligence operation should be immediately placed in the Special Files Unit of your office and afforded the same security as is afforded "JUNE" correspondence and memoranda. (C) U

Any future correspondence relating to this unique investigative technique involving Albertson should contain a statement similar to the above and such correspondence should not be initiated unless considered vital to investigative or counterintelligence responsibilities. (C) U

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NOTE:

The New York Office with the technical assistance of the FBI Laboratory has conducted a most unique counter-intelligence operation which resulted in the expulsion of Albertson, a key New York and National Communist Party leader, on 7/7/64. We are affording Albertson's file at the Seat of Government special security in order to protect our most unique and sensitive counterintelligence technique. (C) U

1 - 65-38100 (Albertson)

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 65-38100) DATE: 7/8/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK(100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

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☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)* _____		
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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: July 8, 1964

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1 - Mr. Tavel
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Donohue
1 - Mr. Reddy
1 - Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SPECIAL HANDLING OF FILE RELATING TO HIGHLY SENSITIVE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE TECHNIQUE (X) u

It is requested that file 65-38100, subject William Albertson, be maintained in the Special Mail Room of the Files and Communications Division, Room 1315, Identification Building. This file contains recent information relating to an extremely sensitive counterintelligence technique which has been applied against Communist Party National Committee member and New York State Communist Party official William Albertson. (X) u

At the present time files are maintained in this location dealing with the following security informant matters: released (u)

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CG 5824-S*	NY 694-S*	[redacted]	
[redacted]	NY 559-S*	NURCO	
SOLO	[redacted]	[redacted]	

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The Special Mail Room is isolated from the rest of the files and close supervision is maintained of these files at all times. In view of the delicacy of the operation involving Albertson and the necessity of maintaining utmost security, all requests to review the file of Albertson are to be referred to Supervisor David Ryan, Extension 710, or in his absence Supervisor E. B. Reddy, Extension 2471. These supervisors will then contact the supervisor or official making inquiry for the Albertson file and ascertain the purpose of the request. If file review or check of any kind is necessary, such will be done by Ryan or Reddy and the interested official or supervisor will be advised of the results. (X) u

RECOMMENDATION: dr Baumgardner or W.C. Sullivan (per D. Ryan) 7-10-64 ba

That this memorandum be routed to the Files and Communications Division and file, 65-38100, be properly flagged and handled as outlined above. u

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TO : Mr. Mohr DATE: July 8, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
EXPELLED COMMUNIST

At 4:25 p.m., July 8, 1964, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] of the New York Times in New York City called and talked to [redacted] in my office. [redacted] said he had just had an interview with Albertson and that Albertson charges that he was "framed" by the FBI. b6 b7C

[redacted] asked if we had any comment and [redacted] said we had no comment to make.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division for information.

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Jones

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(100-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129029)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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NY 2304-S* reported on 7/7/64, a meeting of the NY District CP Staff was held at CP Headquarters, NYC.

Based on subsequent information, it is concluded the following discussion pertained to NY District financial records. Information appearing in parenthesis is the opinion of the NYO since this was written on the blackboard.

(U) JIM TORMEY suggested a subcommittee of BOB THOMPSON and himself be set up. He said they had to move rapidly now as a matter of 48 hours makes a difference.

TORMEY stated there is already a very serious problem with respect to this (finances). It may not be confirmed, others may be involved. He said he would be satisfied if a subcommittee was formed to take immediate action.

BOB THOMPSON stated he understood there are older things that should never have been there (in the Party books) in the first place. He said they would have to have a complete investigation, adding he did not know if it was done last year or not.

TORMEY stated they found out there was at that time (X-amount of money) already. Roughly, this (money) much more. The person spoken to said this was so and it

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cannot be determined because a lot of this is (missing). Therefore, it may be found this (amount of money) is greatly reduced. This person did not report the money situation. I can't say anything is wrong with this (amount of money) but I can't assure you it is otherwise.

TORMEY said someone who is very good at bookkeeping is needed - someone who knows the time-table, (i.e., when ALBERTSON collected funds).

Apparently, BETTY GANNETT accepted the proposal she look into the Party books with assistance from other staff members.

(U) NY 3270-S* reported on 7/7/04, JIM TORMEY advised an unidentified individual of the ALBERTSON situation.

During this conversation, TORMEY stated ALBERTSON has a long period of responsibility in recruiting.

Speaking of ALBERTSON's rise in the Party, TORMEY said in the past there were commissions and ALBERTSON developed and organized them. As a result of his doing this organizing, TORMEY was not suspicious and did not start raising any questions until he realized ALBERTSON was not trying to get out of these commissions, but was cultivating them.

TORMEY said now that the Party knows ALBERTSON was an informer, it is easy to see what effect a key man (unintelligible) being able to make more information available. Primarily, ALBERTSON's work was to more deeply and deeply immerse himself in the Party ranks. In giving advice, ALBERTSON always gave the right advice because to give wrong answers would have been too risky when there are other highly experienced people present. ALBERTSON continued to give correct advice while at the same time imbedding himself more and more, thus being able to furnish increased information.

TORMEY stated a stool pigeon can do harm, but cannot stop the direction. They can divert you, but they can't stop you or change the course of history.

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TORMEY related ALBERTSON was shown the original of the document. He had it in his hand.

NY 2359-S* reported on 7/7/64, a meeting of leading CP functionaries was held at CP Headquarters, NYC.

During this meeting, JACK STACHEL proposed the National body (committee?) endorse the action of the State body (in expelling ALBERTSON).

BOB THOMPSON stated that in regard to a number of people who had dealings with ALBERTSON, nothing can be taken for granted. THOMPSON said the immediate problem of the expulsion is to ensure it does not lead to paralysis or destruction of morale. He said a separate problem is that an examination must be made into every facet of work ALBERTSON was involved in - transfers, finances, recruiting, etc. He added there is also the problem of reorganizing the leadership.

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As far as reaction to this situation is concerned, THOMPSON said there are two things which must be remembered. First, the Party had the initiative on it and "the enemy" did not surprise us. Secondly, we must be aware of certain honest confusion and "the enemy" may use the occasion to some extent.

THOMPSON said the manner in which the information was obtained should not be gone into at all. (There should be) no violations of discipline here.

NY 4251-S* reported on 7/7/64, PHIL and CONNIE BART discussed the ALBERTSON case.

CONNIE said it was assumed BILL tried to get back to the car where he dropped the letter. When he was confronted he said it was a frameup. At his house, when BILL went out with his boy, LIL (ALBERTSON's wife) said sometime ago the FBI had offered them $4500. CONNIE mentioned the letter mentioned JIM (TORMEY) was becoming suspicious of BILL.

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PHIL stated, "It's not only the FBI. There are 57 other organizations that hire spies."

In answer to a question of other organizations, PHIL stated "CIA."

CONNIE then stated, "I wonder how much money he got away with?"

PHIL replied, "He not only handled the money. He handled the books."

NY 2384-S* reported on 7/8/64, a meeting of the NY District Staff was held at CP Headquarters, NYC.

(U) In speaking of the ALBERTSON case, various Staff members stated the reactions of the people they contacted regarding ALBERTSON. These reactions varied from normal; upset; no surprise; indicated suspicion; already knew about it.

BETTY GANNETT stated the woman she contacted [redacted] indicated her whole setup (Professional - Cultural) was upset. GANNETT added one man refused to believe or accept it and she felt he questioned our integrity, giving her the feeling of lack of respect and confidence.

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The remainder of this meeting pertained to what is to be done now, but most of this information was placed on the blackboard and was unavailable to the informant.

NY 2745-S* reported on 7/8/64, BOB THOMPSON and HENRY WINSTON discussed the ALBERTSON case.

THOMPSON said the original reaction from the Party is not bad. The main problem is to build up the fighting spirit of the Party and that they cannot operate too long without an Organizational Secretary.

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THOMPSON said the investigation into the ALBERTSON case is being viewed as a long range proposition and it must be done by someone who has no other responsibilities, someone who could spend 2- 3 months on it. He said they are presently considering "IRVING, not the guy in New Jersey." (It is believed this refers to IRVING HERMAN who has conducted investigations for the Party in the past).

THOMPSON added ALBERTSON had been elected to the National Committee and he blames himself for this, but there are no operating procedures to safeguard such things.

NY 2384-S* reported on 7/9/64, JACK FINN told WILLIAM L. PATTERSON that a lot of people have asked questions as to where ALBERTSON went; how do we know; what are the facts, and that this is a power struggle.

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PATTERSON replied "this" (document) together with a notebook of ALBERTSON's were placed in the hands of more than one handwriting expert who, equipped with the latest devices for detecting forgery, said that the man who wrote in the notebook wrote this. There was no evidence of an attempt to copy. ALBERTSON countered this by stating one of the most unique requests PATTERSON ever heard, namely, "Give me a lie detector test."

PATTERSON said the Party resorted to every scientific device, not to determine he was guilty, but to determine whether or not and what has resulted is irrefutable evidence of guilt.

FINN replied if this is true "they" (FBI) are well informed and no one is going to knock on your door tomorrow. He said "they" (FBI) are not resigned to the fact the Party is going to grow and prosper and become legal. They are going to fight.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)(65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)(100-129629)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED WITH RESPECT TO DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION HEREIN INASMUCH AS, BY ITS NATURE, SAID INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY NY 694-S*, A VALUABLE INFORMANT, AS THE SOURCE. UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN NY 694-S*, IT SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED--EVEN IN PARAPHRASED FORM--IN THE INVESTIGATIVE SECTION OF A REPORT.

On 7/8/64, NY 694-S* advised that he ascertained on that date from ARNOLD JOHNSON the particulars concerning the action taken by the CPUSA concerning the BILL ALBERTSON "letter," which are as follows:

When [redacted] found the letter, he retained it from Thursday until Monday in an effort to reach BOB THOMPSON so he could give it to him. When [redacted] gave the letter to BOB THOMPSON, on Monday, THOMPSON immediately contacted GUS HALL, and they held a secret meeting, photostating the letter and giving it to a handwriting expert, whose name the informant believes to be [redacted]. The expert, after examining

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the letter, concluded it was not a forgery, and the THOMPSON, [redacted] asked JOHNSON were requested by HALL to confront ALBERTSON at his home in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N.Y. The team confronted ALBERTSON with this letter at his home on July 6, 1954, at which time ALBERTSON claimed it was a forgery and that he never wrote such a letter. ALBERTSON admitted that the letter contained handwriting that looked like his handwriting, but in some respects it was different. THOMPSON told ALBERTSON that they were certain it was not a forgery and that ALBERTSON would have to disprove it, or as an alternative make a full confession.

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ALBERTSON replied that he had nothing to confess and accused them "trying to get him." ALBERTSON indicated that the FBI had been trying to frame him for a long time. THOMPSON again pressed ALBERTSON to make a full confession and ALBERTSON again replied that he had nothing to confess, and that it was up to them to prove that it was not a forgery. THOMPSON appeared to be calm and not unduly agitated, and told ALBERTSON, TUNICK and JOHNSON that they should not bother him with this matter because he had an important date to take his son to see the Yankees. JOHNSON told ALBERTSON that this was a serious matter and that if he wanted to take his son to see the Yankees, they would remain at his home until he got back.

ALBERTSON left with his boy, whereupon THOMPSON, TUNICK and JOHNSON spoke to ALBERTSON's wife and showed her the "letter." ALBERTSON's wife said she did not believe at all, in her opinion, her husband would not do such a thing, and she knew of no extra money coming into the house of late that way, nor ever.

THOMPSON, TUNICK and JOHNSON remained at ALBERTSON's house until he returned with his son from the Yankee Stadium and they then asked him to step outside, where they told ALBERTSON that he could not go to his office until they had made further examination and that they were temporarily relieving him of all his duties. At this time, they requested ALBERTSON to turn over to them all the records and papers he had in his possession concerning [illegible] and very properly and

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ALBERTSON's reaction to this was calm and unagitated. ALBERTSON requested THOMPSON for one concession, that if there was an adverse decision against him, it should not be made public, as it will kill his mother. THOMPSON replied to ALBERTSON that they could not make any such concession, and if ALBERTSON was guilty, the Party will do what it pleases. THOMPSON again pressed ALBERTSON to make a confession, which ALBERTSON refused. This concluded their confrontation with ALBERTSON and they left ALBERTSON's house to go to their car and noticed that their car had a flat tire.

As a result of this confrontation with ALBERTSON, THOMPSON, FORMAN and JOHNSON agreed that ALBERTSON by his calm manner in reacting to the confrontation was apparently guilty and that this was further borne out by ALBERTSON's leaving his house with his son, which probably was a pretext so that he could call the FBI, and further the typical, calm, off-handed manner in which he surrendered his property also indicated that he was no doubt guilty of being an informer for the FBI. Further, THOMPSON was of the opinion that while he was talking to ALBERTSON in his home, the FBI probably had flattened his tire so that he could not leave the premises in a hurry.

HAROLD JOHNSON indicated that the first mention of the FBI was brought up by ALBERTSON when he stated the FBI were trying to frame him and that contacted to JOHNSON and the church that apparently ALBERTSON was dealing with the FBI.

NY 694-S* advised that on 7/17/64 the CPUSA will hold a mass meeting, at which the ALBERTSON case will be discussed, based on a report being put together by MIL [illegible], and on [illegible] information from all types of [illegible] who are [illegible] incidents indicating ALBERTSON was an informer against them. The informant stated that the national board meeting will be followed by a plenum of the CPUSA national committee, at which only two points will be discussed, the national elections and the ALBERTSON case, which could involve a motion to formally expel ALBERTSON from the CP.

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NY 694-S* advised that ROBERT THOMPSON, JIM TORMEY and [redacted] will compose a subcommittee as part of the Secretariat, with GUS HALL as head of the committee, to investigate the ALBERTSON case further, and that this committee will examine all persons whom ALBERTSON put into office and those persons whom he put out of office, such as BEN DAVIS.

The informant stated that what actually convinced the CP that the ALBERTSON "letter" was genuine was the fact that one handwriting expert, who spent two days photographing, magnifying and examining it, said that if the document was a forgery, it would have taken the forger at least six months to write it and that would have been impossible, for everything indicates that the letter was written as of the time they found it.

With regard to the handwriting expert believed to be [redacted] the current Manhattan yellow pages reflects one [redacted] as a handwriting expert.

Concerning [redacted], the indices of the NYO contain several references to [redacted] such as the identification of the handwriting of [redacted] regarding the LINDBERG kidnapping and his listing as the payee for the month of 4/1-30/51 for the amount of $300.00 from the regular account of the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

It is not known if [redacted] is identical to the [redacted] mentioned by NY 694-S*.

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- ☐ Clerk

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William A Hoppe [illegible]

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ACTION DESIRED

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☐ Assign.....Reassign.....	☐ Prepare lead cards
☐ Bring file	☐ Prepare tickler
☐ Call me	☐ Recharge serials
☐ Correct	☐ Return assignment card
☐ Deadline.....	☐ Return file
☐ Deadline passed	☐ Return serials
☐ Delinquent	☐ Search and return
☐ Discontinue	☐ See me
☐ Expedite	☐ Send Serials.....
☐ File	to .....
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New York, New York

July 8, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. BUfile 65-38100
NYfile 100-129629

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REFERENCE: Memorandum 4/21/64

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

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SUBJECT:
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS-C; ISA, 1950
(OO:NEW YORK)

"The Worker," issue of 7/7/64, page 8, contained an article captioned, "N.Y. Communists Denounce Albertson as Informer."

This article reflects the Communist Party of New York State had formally expelled Albertson from membership in the Party.

Since Albertson no longer comes within the criteria established for Key Figure status, he is being deleted as such and all future correspondence in this matter will bear the character Security Matter-C; ISA-SO.

FD-122 will be submitted.

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IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

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On 7/8/64, WF 1302-S* advised that [redacted] (CP member, former [redacted] protect at request, 6/19/63) visited MARCUS and ELIZABETH GOLDMAN (self-described as communists, WF 1302-S*, 6/25/64) socially on that date and discussed the ALBERTSON case. (U)

ELIZABETH GOLDMAN called ALBERTSON a real traitor; [redacted] was of the opinion there might be a lot of subpoenas coming out now, since it is most likely that ALBERTSON gave the Government some mailing lists. (U)

Later, in discussing the ALBERTSON matter with her husband, MARCUS, ELIZABETH GOLDMAN stated that JOSEPH FORER (counsel with JOHN ABT) does not know whether to go along and handle ALBERTSON's case or drop it, that it is a very bad situation. MARCUS asked what evidence "they" have, and ELIZABETH replied, "They need something in writing. It could be a frame-up like the Germans used." MARCUS asked, "You mean the FBI may be framing ALBERTSON?", to which she replied, "Yes, it would not be a bit out of order, or it might be within the Party. I would not put anything past someone like BILL PATTERSON." (U)

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FROM: SAC, WFO

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(NY 100-129629)
(WFO 100-24310) (P*)

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
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(WFO 100-41555) (P*)

ReWFOlet, 6/18/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is single copy of a petition for writ of certiorari filed 7/10/64 in U.S. Supreme Court by Attorneys ABT and FORER in Case No. 265, October Term, 1964, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioners, v. SACB.

Supreme Court is now adjourned and will not meet until the first Monday in 10/64; accordingly, WFO will follow and advise of pertinent developments.

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(65-38100)

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(100-129629)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(OO: NY)

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NY 2384-S* reported on 7/9/64, LOUIS WEINSTOCK offered his services to BOB THOMPSON in "this time of crisis". He said that he was worrying about the effect the ALBERTSON case would have on hundreds of people who had full confidence in him because he was the highest authority in the Party they had contact with. WEINSTOCK (U) asked THOMPSON if he were "deeply convinced" of ALBERTSON's guilt.

THOMPSON replied that if he were not he never (U) would have taken the final action (expulsion).

WEINSTOCK stated the "New York Times" article did three things: 1. raised doubts; 2. created sympathy; and 3. creates the idea ALBERTSON is not guilty. WEINSTOCK stated the next question now is "Is BILL ALBERTSON the only... (informer)?" (U)

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On 7/9/64, [redacted] former [redacted] telephonically contacted the NYO and volunteered the following regarding the ALBERTSON case:

After reading the "New York Times" articles regarding ALBERTSON, particularly the 7/9/64 article, he was convinced in his own mind ALBERTSON was framed by the Party. He indicated this was the same type of thing which had happened to him in 1950 and he believes that BOB THOMPSON and GUS HALL were undoubtedly behind the ALBERTSON frame-up. He made the assumption regarding THOMPSON and HALL since they were involved in his case, particularly THOMPSON.

[redacted] stated he intended to contact PETER KIHSS of the "New York Times" and request KIHSS arrange a meeting between ALBERTSON and [redacted] stated he is extremely interested in talking to ALBERTSON from a personal standpoint since to him ALBERTSON is worth his weight in gold. He explained that for the first time in 13 years, someone can corroborate that information which [redacted] has been furnishing since his own expulsion from the Party.

[redacted] was thanked for his opinion and no attempt was made to encourage or dissuade him in any manner. [redacted] indicated, however, he feels ALBERTSON at this time is in a state of shock and that he, himself, probably will take no action regarding ALBERTSON until he returns from a speaking engagement in about 3 weeks.

Various informants who attended the 7/9/64 rally of the HALL-DAVIS Defense Committee at the Riverside Plaza, have reported there was no mention of the ALBERTSON situation by any of the speakers. GUS HALL, by innuendo, mentioned that once in a while there are stool pigeons or turn-coats, but the Party always survives and becomes healthy again.

To date, various informants have reported the following general reaction to the ALBERTSON case:

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In Brooklyn, the rank and file members are about evenly divided as to ALBERTSON's guilt. Some have indicated a disbelief ALBERTSON would be an informant, but are unable to figure out who would frame him. If he were framed by the CP, the obvious person to have done so would be JIM TORMEY, however, most feel TORMEY is not smart enough. The only other person smart enough and capable enough of framing ALBERTSON would be BOB THOMPSON, but no one is able to suggest any reason why THOMPSON would take such a step.

In the Bronx, due to BEN BORDOFSKY's explanation of the case, most members believe ALBERTSON was an informant. The reaction is one of shock and concern as to what to do to prevent such things in the future. At one club meeting, the members looked at one another stating to the effect, "I wonder which one of us is an informant?"

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(65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(CO: NY)

(U) NY 694-S* on 7/10/64, furnished the following information obtained that date from GUS HALL:

HALL was in a very serious mood and much concerned over the ALBERTSON case. After giving it second thoughts, they (the Party) think he may have been framed in some manner and as a result many problems (U) have come up.

The Party was sure, according to HALL, that ALBERTSON would have come out by this time and registered as a Communist or would have offered to register the Party because they feel he would be the one eligible for that since he is under indictment. The denial he made in yesterday's paper ("New York Times") has set them thinking. If he were an agent they wonder why he doesn't come out and register as Communist for the CP which would affect the entire

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registration case against the McCarran Act, but since he hasn't come forward he has them wondering, as that is the only value they can see in his being an agent. This is the one big case which would tie up the Party. The Party is very much afraid that someone will come forward and volunteer to register the Party. HALL thinks the FBI told him he can be an agent, but he does not have to testify or be a witness. They asked him to become a witness and he refused because of his mother, etc. By "planting the letter," as HALL says, they would force him to come out openly and act as a witness against the Party. (U)

Many problems have come up. HALL said ALBERTSON's unpopularity led to his expulsion and they may have acted too hastily. NY 694-S* asked HALL point blank if the letter was a forgery and HALL said no, it was the real stuff, it's okay, but there is a lot of talk that maybe they acted too quickly, either that or ALBERTSON is "keeping quiet" to protect other people (informants) he may have left behind. (U)

NY 2353-S* reported on 7/10/64, PAT REILLY of "Newsweek" magazine contacted WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and said she was very interested in the ALBERTSON case and would like an interview. PATTERSON stated he was busy at the time and said REILLY should recontact him later. (U)

Later, on 7/10/64, REILLY recontacted PATTERSON and was advised he had "no comment." (U)

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Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the expulsion of WILLIAM ALBERTSON from the CP, which appeared in "The Worker" issue of 7/7/64.

For the Bureau's information, the following is being set forth:

(U) NY 2359-S* reported on 7/7/64, JOHN ABT, GUS HALL and JIM TORMEY discussed the situation regarding ALBERTSON.

ABT stated, "First of all, all these other membership cases hinge on the results of the ALBERTSON - (PROCTOR) case, particularly the results of 28 cases. And the disposition of those cases shall depend on what is determined finally by the (U) Supreme Court.

"Secondly, I don't represent the Communist Party in the ALBERTSON case, I represent ALBERTSON. And while at an appropriate point I could well say I don't care to (U) represent him anymore, you want to get another lawyer if he wants the case carried on. I can't do that on the very eve of

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"the filing for a petition for cebtiorari and leave him without any representation. When the petition for certiorari is filed nothing will remain to be done between now and October probably. It's all set to go to the printers. I could send it to the printer tomorrow and it could be filed possibly Friday. I would be representing a guy who has just been denounced as a Government Agent. It would seem to me that to hold this thing up for a week might eliminate a very nasty problem. Got to hold this up until next week so the petition for certiorari can be filed." (U)

JIM TORMEY stated, "In other words, if the information were made public by us on our own initiative, it would help considerably as far as morale is concerned. And I think that is really the primary consideration." (U)

WFO should follow the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR case closely to determine what petitions are filed or what action the Party might try to take in the courts. (U)

Petition for writ of certiorari filed 2/10/64 in US Supreme Court

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bu 65-38100

New York, New York
July 7, 1964

Re: William Albertson
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

"The Worker", mid-week edition, issue of July 7, 1964, page 8, contained an article entitled, "N.Y. Communists Denounce Albertson as Informer."

This article reflects the Communist Party of New York State, after a thorough investigation and on the basis of irrefutable evidence, had determined William Albertson has operated as a police agent within the ranks of the Communist Party.

The article further reflects that the New York State Communist Party had formally expelled Albertson as a member of the Party.

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TO : Mr. Mohr DATE: July 8, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

You will recall that captioned individual is the communist who has been expelled from the Party as he has been designated by the Party as an "informer." This, of course, has come about as a result of our disruptive tactics. The story of Albertson's expulsion from the Party has received considerable newspaper publicity.

(U)

For record purposes, Frank McNamara, Director of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and Jay Sourwine of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee both called my office this morning and spoke with SA [redacted] Both were interested in knowing whether or not Albertson had been an informant of ours and whether we would have any objection to their calling him for Executive Session hearings. b6 b7C

After checking with Inspector J. A. Sizoo of the Domestic Intelligence Division, SA [redacted] advised both McNamara and Sourwine that we had absolutely no comment to make concerning Albertson and that we would strenuously object to their making any attempt to call him before their respective committees.

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None. For information.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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TO : A. H. Belmont

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: July 15, 1964

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

1-Mr.Belmont
1-Mr.Sullivan
1-Mr. Reddy
1-Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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On 7-14-64, J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, called me. He said he had seen reports in the press to the effect Albertson was an informant and had been "thrown out" of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). He wanted to discuss this since Albertson is involved in a case under the Internal Security Act of 1950 which is presently on appeal and is also involved in the hearing before the Subversive Activities Control Board regarding Advance Youth Organization.

At my suggestion, Yeagley came to my office at 2:30 p.m. 7-14-64. In addition to Yeagley, Inspector J. A. Sizoo, Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner and I were present.

As you will recall, Albertson, National Committee member of the CPUSA and a functionary of the New York State Communist Party, was accused by the Communist Party leadership of being a police informant as a result of counterintelligence action taken by us. His expulsion from the Party has resulted in enormous damage to the Party organization and the morale of the Party membership, both at a national level and at the state level. We are reaping unexpected side benefits which are most damaging to the Party as a result of our counterintelligence operation. (U)

Yeagley said, in order for the Department to know how to handle any legal questions which may come up in the event the CPUSA files any motions in connection with the Albertson case on the Advance youth group case charging that Albertson was an FBI informant, he wanted to know whether Albertson was in fact an FBI informant. Without giving Yeagley any background on our counterintelligence operation, he was told that Albertson had never been an informant of the FBI and is not now an informant of the FBI. He was told that the Party had "goofed" in expelling Albertson. Yeagley asked what evidence the Party had that Albertson was an informant. He was told that the Party had a document allegedly in Albertson's handwriting which the Party suspected was a report by Albertson on Party affairs to a Government intelligence service. Yeagley was also advised that the Party had taken this document to three handwriting experts and that all three had stated unequivocally that the writing was (U)

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Albertson's. Yeagley asked if the document was addressed to the FBI. He was told it was not. It was merely addressed "Dear Joe." At this point, Yeagley said this did not appear to be evidence of any kind and he did not believe the Party could initiate any court action successfully on the basis of the fact that they suspected Albertson of being a Government informant. (U)

Yeagley was told that the information we had given to him concerning the "uproar" in the Party had been furnished to us by most sensitive sources who are operating at a high level in the Communist Party and that we wanted him to keep this material confidential. Yeagley said he would do this since no action is required on the part of the Department and that he will merely wait to see what action, if any, the Party takes. He said that if Party attorneys attempt to take any action from a legal standpoint he will contact me before the Department replies. (U)

ACTION:

The above is for your information.

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WILLIAM ALLENTOCH
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On 7/3/54, PG 100-S* advised that on that date ALNICH ALLEN (member of CP of Western Pennsylvania) and HERB HRALDORF (CP Organizer at Pittsburgh, Pa.) discussed an article which appeared in the 7/3/54 issue of "The Pittsburgh Press," a daily newspaper at Pittsburgh, Pa., concerning the expulsion of WILLIAM ALLENTOCH from the CP. HRALDORF described the article as a "good story," pointing out that it set forth some of ALLENTOCH's background. (X)

HERB asked ALNICH if he knew ALLENTOCH well. ALNICH replied that he did not know him "too well, although he had attended meetings with him at Pittsburgh. Herb recalled that ALLENTOCH was in Pittsburgh about two years ago and was in contact with him at Baltimore about 15 years ago. (X)

HERB stated that he had never been impressed with ALLENTOCH and had never felt any great admiration for him, as he was "cold and dividing." He continued that he was sure that the story was true, otherwise it would not have been so publicized. (X)

ALNICH remarked that at one time "this guy" (ALLENTOCH) was very close to DOBBY JONES (former CPUSA member, now deceased) who "did not want to come around to leaders." ALNICH said that DOBBY was "sharp." (X)

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2 - New York (RM)
3 1 - 100-13,302 (CP-USA, Counterintelligence Program) (W)E
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1 - Pittsburgh
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HERB agreed with ASHTON's last remark and pointed out that he had spoken to BETTY JONES (CPUSA member and widow of BOBBY JONES) about "this guy" but that she did not believe it. He said that he thought BOBBY would have doubted it too.

HERB observed that one was not prepared for "this kind of thing and it stuns you for a minute," but that "as the statement says, it's not unusual for the enemy to do this kind of thing."

ASHTON stated that he expected tactics of this kind, observing that there might be someone (an informant) among them. He commented that BILL "always had money and a back scratcher."

HERB stated that "he" may follow the pattern of giving names at hearings, etc. He remarked that it would be interesting to see what kind of role "he" will play.

The above is furnished the Bureau and New York for information.

It is noted that Bureau airtel to New York, et al, 7/3/54, captioned "CP-USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS-C," instructed that "all information relating to this specific counterintelligence operation (concerning WILLIAM ALBERTSON) should be immediately placed in the Special Files Unit of your office and afforded the same security as is afforded 'JUNE' correspondence and memoranda." (U)

For further information of the Bureau and New York, the identity of PG 180-S* should be concealed. This source is characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past.

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

July 13, 1964

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
2 - Mr. Ryan

(U) COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(HOTEL WOODSTOCK)

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My previous memoranda have advised you of some of the excellent results achieved by our successful counterintelligence operation which brought about the expulsion of Communist Party (CP) National Committee member and New York State CP Executive Secretary, William Albertson, from the CP as an "informer" on 7-7-64. It now appears our successful counterintelligence action against Albertson has resulted in an additional benefit for a separate matter to which we have been applying our counterintelligence efforts to solve. (U)

The National and New York State CP have recently been using a privately leased premises at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City, for their secret and important meetings. William Albertson had caused the CP to invest funds in the catering service which leases private meeting rooms at this location and our attempts to obtain coverage at the location were stymied because the manager of the catering service was Albertson's cousin and also a "sleeper" remained on the premises all night. (U)

(portion(s) pend. & released under 190-401)

Apparently as a result of the counterintelligence action involving Albertson, the CP has decided not to use the Hotel Woodstock in the future. A New York State CP Board meeting had been scheduled at this location for 7-6-64 (this was the meeting that expelled Albertson) but the location of the meeting was changed for security reasons to Academy Hall. A National Committee meeting of the CP was scheduled at the Woodstock Hotel for 7/18-19/64 but it has now been determined that national CP official Phil Bart has made reservations for these two days at Academy Hall. It is noted we have always had excellent coverage of CP meetings held at Academy Hall.

(U) ACTION:

None. For information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P*)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

Remyairtel, 7/10/64, re status of subject's case in U.S. Supreme Court.

On 7/15/64, WF 1491-S* furnished the following info concerning observations on subject made by JOSEPH FORER, Washington, D.C., attorney, who, with JOHN ABT of NY, is representing subject.

(U) WF 1491-S* is a highly sensitive and delicate source that furnishes confidential and delicate information to a restricted degree on the activities of JOSEPH FORER, Attorney-at-law, Washington, D.C., who has represented the interests of the CP, USA in the courts in Washington, D.C. Under normal circumstances, information furnished by this source, if used in a communication going outside the Bureau, must be classified "Secret" in order to fully protect the source.

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2 - New York (100-129629) (RM)
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FORER only knows what he reads in the newspapers (concerning ALBERTSON's expulsion from the CP as an informant). FORER will continue to represent ALBERTSON since the name "ALBERTSON" on the petition for a writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court by itself means nothing, it could be anybody's name. (U)

During a recent conversation with an individual believed to be an attorney at the Department of Justice, FORER attempted to have that person ask the FBI if ALBERTSON was actually an informant. This person informed FORER that he was unable to find out if ALBERTSON had been an informant for the FBI. It is noted that FORER made this request in a joking vein. (U)

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan July 15, 1964

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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UNITED STATES v. COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP PETITION HEARINGS BEFORE THE
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

On 7/13/64 Communist Party Attorneys John Abt and Joseph Forer petitioned the United States Supreme Court to review the 4/23/64 decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) which upheld orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board that Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), National Committee members William Albertson and Roscoe Quincy Proctor register with the Attorney General as Communist Party members pursuant to Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The ultimate decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases will apply to 26 additional Communist Party membership cases in which registration orders have been issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board, as well as to 4 additional cases in which hearings have been held, provided registration orders will have been issued. Abt and Forer challenged the action of the DCCA of affirming the registration orders against Albertson and Proctor without deciding the fundamental constitutional issues involved, primarily the claim by Albertson and Proctor of the 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Abt and Forer claim that while it is true that the decision of the DCCA involved the review of mere administrative orders and not criminal convictions, the constitutional issues are not premature and Albertson and Proctor should not be compelled to undergo criminal prosecution before the courts will face the constitutional issues involved.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Supreme Court probably will agree to review the decision of the DCCA in the Albertson and Proctor cases and with the current line-up, as evidenced by the recent decisions

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refusing to review the registration case against the CPUSA as an organization and declaring the passport sanction of the Internal Security Act of 1950 unconstitutional, the Supreme Court will probably also hold the membership registration provision of the Act unconstitutional on its face.

Since 6/5/61 when the Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision upheld the registration order against the CPUSA as an organization, Justices White and Goldberg have replaced Justices Frankfurter and Whittaker, both of whom (Frankfurter and Whittaker) voted with the majority in that decision. Regardless of the position taken by Justice White, it appears that Justice Goldberg will join Chief Justice Warren and Justices Douglas, Black and Brennan, who dissented in the 6/5/61 decision in the Communist Party case and who were at that time in favor of declaring the entire Internal Security Act of 1950 unconstitutional.

Pending final adjudication of the membership registration provision, however, the Department apparently plans to proceed with additional hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board. The Michael Saunders case is scheduled to be heard in Chicago 7/27/64, and petitions are currently being drawn up against 7 additional Communist Party functionaries in Boston and Detroit.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Albertson and Proctor cases.

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FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-New) -RUC

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[redacted] advised 7/20/64 that in a CP meeting in New York over the weekend of 7/18-19/64, much comment was made concerning a strong suspicion by the CP that BILL ALBERTSON is working for the police and against the CP. Informant related that the party intends to study his case to detect patterns in order to ferret out other "traitors." Informant was questioned several times concerning DAVID PERRY BENNETT in connection with the ALBERTSON case. JAMES EDWARD JACKSON was one of those questioning the informant. It is noted that JACKSON was formerly from Richmond and DAVID BENNETT was organizer of the CP some years ago in Virginia. It is not known whether captioned subject is identical with WILLIAM ALBERTSON who, in October, 1963, was Executive Secretary of the New York District of the CP. Informant is of the opinion ALBERTSON is very generally and very well known to all present of which there was about 60 individuals. (U)

Any further data informant has as to CP methods to detect informants within, its ranks will be immediately forthcoming.

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SAC, New York (100-129802)

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

1 - Mr. Ryan

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

ReNYlet 7/11/67 setting forth a summary of a conversation on 7/3/67 between Gilbert Green, New York County Communist Party Chairman, and William Albertson, former Party functionary expelled as a "police informer" in 1964.

(U) The Bureau concurs with your comment to the effect that the Communist Party is inclined to take no positive action on Albertson's appeal of his expulsion.

(U) (released See original)

Because of the excellent benefits which continue to accrue from the initial technique in this instance, it is not felt the additional suggested counterintelligence activity should be taken at this time. However, continue to follow this matter closely, advising the Bureau of all pertinent developments, and submit any suggestions for further counterintelligence action you feel are warranted.

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(Lines 1 and 2 prev. claimed as (b)(2) remainder of para. was released. See original)

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NOTE: Albertson, former Communist Party National Committee member, National Board member, and Executive Secretary of the New York District Communist Party, was expelled from the Party in 7/64 as the result of a sophisticated counterintelligence technique. Some Party leaders currently believe they may have made a mistake in this action but the Party has continued to isolate Albertson who has appealed his expulsion. We are following this matter and will consider all possible follow-up recommendations (U) for counterintelligence.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34) DATE: 7/11/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)

SUBJECT: CPUSA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

On 7/3/67, NY 5494-S* advised that WILLIAM ALBERTSON contacted GIL GREEN at NY State CP Headquarters. The informant reported that their conversation was substantially as follows:

BILL ALBERTSON to GIL GREEN:

BA: I thought I might have heard something by now.
GG: Something was decided, BILL, and I'll have to check and see when there will be a public notice of it. It should appear any day. Actually there is a statement but I don't have a copy of it here. The statement states that the investigation has not added any material new evidence one way or the other. That originally the charge was made on the assumption that the evidence was irrefutable, and that all handwriting experts had said that the letter was written by you; that since then it is believed that forgery by computer is possible. This, however, does not prove or disprove whether the original letter was written by you or forged. However, under these circumstances where it is no longer possible to say the original evidence is irrefutable we feel that a person may be charged with something of which he is not guilty and has to bear that kind of a cross, that we feel it only fair to withdraw the charge of a government agent or whatever it was, a stool pigeon or whatever it was, originally made, and we do hereby do so; that, however, because

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of the nature of the charges, because of the shadow that still exists, we do not feel at this time it is possible to open the doors of the Party to your re-admission, and we feel that under the circumstances all honest persons, including you, would understand the problem involved; and that we are not ceasing the investigation and we hope within a short while it will be possible to once and for all conclude this whole matter to the satisfaction of all. Actually, what has been done is the following: the direct charge originally levelled against you has been withdrawn because there is evidence to the effect that it may have been wrong, false; however, in terms of membership in the Party, because of the leading position held and all that, so long as the shadow is not completely removed, it would create just complete havoc and consternation. My own personal opinion has been that you are innocent as charged, but I know there are as many people that were ready to swear to the opposite as there are ready to draw the conclusion I am. So at this point we still require more time and possibly some further evidence if it can be gotten in order to clear the matter up. It is, nevertheless, a step in the direction that you should welcome.

(U)

BA: I don't unwelcome it.

GG: I mean at least it opens the door for you also to get involved in different activities, and I think if you are innocent, then it seems to me it's a matter of time before the whole thing will be.

BA: O.K.

GG: I think you should welcome it, and I think you can understand some of the problems involved.

BA: Well I welcome it, it is not satisfactory, I say it's unsatisfactory.

GG: Oh, I agree with you there.

BA: All right.

GG: I'll check and find out, it should be in any day now, the fact is I'm surprised it hasn't been put in already

BA: O.K.

GG: O.K.

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New York has considered three counterintelligence actions in connection with the ALBERTSON affair as follows:

1. We could prepare another letter in ALBERTSON's handwriting and send it to the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Washington, D.C. The main point of this letter, which would ostensibly be from ALBERTSON, would be to request the Soviets to ammend their handwriting findings and authorize the CPUSA to readmit ALBERTSON. This would show the Soviets that ALBERTSON was aware of the role they played in his case, and it would demonstrate to them that their control of the CPUSA is well recognized.

2. The same letter as described above could be sent but with a less experienced person preparing the letter in ALBERTSON's handwriting. The forgery would be recognized, but the Communists may not conclude that the FBI did both the expert job and the imperfect job. This would tend to make it look like ALBERTSON really wrote the first letter, and that their original conclusions about the impossibility of duplicating handwriting were correct.

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3. We could prepare a bogus memorandum to All Districts from the CP National Office setting out the information GREEN furnished to ALBERTSON plus a little more. Possibly a few copies of this memorandum could later be sent to some newspapers. It is believed that, despite what they say, the CP is strongly inclined toward doing nothing on the ALBERTSON case. They probably realize now that he was unjustly expelled, but that it would cause too much turmoil if they brought him back. This memorandum would force them to admit a mistake was made, but they would still be without a suitable remedy.

The above is set out for the Bureau's information. Authority is not being requested to initiate any counterintelligence action at this time because of the many reasons that have been cited in the past for refraining from further counterintelligence action on this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

NY 2359-S* reported on 7/17/64, a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests, was held on that date in the third floor board room at CP Headquarters, NYC. The prime topic on the agenda was the BILL ALBERTSON case. (U)

BOB THOMPSON opened the meeting by stating the Party does not know which organization, FBI or CIA, is operating within the ranks of the Party at a leadership level. (U)

4 - Bureau (100-3-104-34)(RM)
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Regarding ALBERTSON, THOMPSON said the first question is whether or not the evidence against him is conclusive. He either is an invaluable, vicious, conscious enemy of the working class or he is not.

Thereafter, THOMPSON read the text of the document which led to ALBERTSON's expulsion. He said that as soon as the document came into the Party's hands, they immediately arranged for a handwriting analysis. He said this was done to the best of the Party's ability in a way that would make it impossible for the FBI or the authorities to intrude in any way. THOMPSON stated there are two processes done by handwriting experts. One where the expert will verify a handwritten document and give you his opinion but would not necessarily stake his reputation on it. The other process takes substantial time and the document is "blown up" and examined microscopically to see how each individual letter is formed.

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THOMPSON proceeded to read the results of a handwriting examination (done in New York), which read as follows:

"At your request I examined the questioned handwriting, on legal sized yellow ruled sheets, along with eight handwritten pages from a steno book.

"My examination revealed that these were all written by the same individual. They all fall within the normal range and variation .... The questioned writing possesses no evidence of attempts of imitation of the standard writing. The questioned document is written in

"natural manner and has the same characteristics in formation, movement, embellishments, frequent execution, initial and terminal strokes and speed found in the standard.

"The above findings are based on a detailed study and microscopic examination of the above."

THOMPSON then proceeded to read the results of a second examination (performed in Chicago. The Bureau previously has been advised of the contents of this letter.)

(U)

Concluding his reading of the letters, THOMPSON said he was no authority on handwriting but has been told there is almost no margin for any possible error.

Regarding the manner in which the Party obtained this document, THOMPSON stated he was not going into any detail because the investigation is still going on. He said the Party hopes "neither ALBERTSON nor his bosses know exactly how we came to come by it."

THOMPSON said the question could be asked why the Party did not wait until a larger mass of evidence was obtained before making the actual disclosure and expulsion. He said there were several reasons once the Party was morally and politically sure it was not wrong on the question of ALBERTSON's having written the document. One reason was the various possibilities opened insofar as action in relation to the Staff. They would have the option of deciding several things. A further consideration was the extent of damage that would be done to the Party if the initiative in bringing him forward was in the hands of the authorities and not in the hands of the Party.

THOMPSON stated he felt the decision (expulsion) was correct and the decision was made jointly by a committee established by the National Secretariat.

THOMPSON related since that time there have been meetings of the State Board and Sate Committee and in all areas, including upstate. He said the response has been very good, and a response in which the reaction is coupled with the immediate task confronting the Party, that is, the necessity of not permitting this in any way to result in a paralysis or a slackening of activity in the Party or a loss of morale.

(U) THOMPSON related the important thing is that this is an instance in which the Party obtained information and had the initiative in the exposure and expulsion.

THOMPSON said there have been individuals who have raised the question as to whether this could possibly be a frame-up. Regarding the questions raised by this, THOMPSON said one is the immediate question of acting in leadership in such a way that the Party rebounds in a fighting and united way and results in a strengthening, not a lessening, of the morale and confidence in the Party's ranks. He said there is a problem of how to follow through on this, giving the membership more factual and substantive information. At the last Board meeting, it was decided to put out a bulletin in which the material would be contained and to circulate it nationally within the Party. THOMPSON said that on second thought, he is going to ask for reconsideration of this.

He related the second set of questions are of a more longrange nature and involve the carrying though in a relentless fashion, an investigation of every facet and aspect of the activities of ALBERTSON. THOMPSON said certain areas are opening up which are going to lead to

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some very valuable general knowledge of how the enemy operates within the ranks of the Party and to other obstacles to the Party's work.

THOMPSON said questions have been raised as to how a person like ALBERTSON could remain in leadership work all along; how over the years he could go from one post to another.

THOMPSON said a commission has been formed to go into every facet of the ALBERTSON case and he hoped they would be able to work on it full time for several months or longer.

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MICKEY LIMA asked if there were other things which happened over a period of time which made the Party ready to accept the evidence.

THOMPSON said ALBERTSON's work was coming under increasingly sharp criticism by the Staff and the Board, but it was not criticism raised because of his integrity but rather because he was not carrying out his assignments.

THOMPSON said the third question involved is that the Mc Carran Act gives ALBERTSON an option of several things. In this regard, there is the question of voluntary registration and what ALBERTSON wants to do about his own registration. Further, there is the question of what this would do to the morale of the Party.

THOMPSON said the fourth question has to do with expulsion. The (CP) Constitution calls for an automatic review of expulsion.

MICKEY LIMA stated the automatic review of expulsion called for by the Constitution is separate from an appeal by the person himself.

THOMPSON stated the State Board and State Committee alone do not approve the expulsion. The National Board as a whole must pass on it. He added the National Committee this weekend must also take action. THOMPSON said that whoever acted is responsible before the Party and the National Committee for anything they may or may not have done.

GEORGE MEYERS stated that in 1954 the statement was made that the FBI had a stool pigeon in every union in the country. He added that as far as ALBERTSON is concerned "I guess I might as well apologize here as anywhere else because I never had any suspicions about ALBERTSON whatsoever". (U)

ANTON KRCHMAREK stated he is sure the Party has to expect the enemy has its agents operating not only at the top level but at all levels. He said he felt the ALBERTSON case would help to bring about a greater vigilance throughout the entire Party. It also calls for a closer review of the work of individual people, and the question of strengthening the Party cadre. He said he thought it was good this situation was brought out in "The Worker" and that his district has taken the blow very well.

JIM WEST stated he felt the New York District acted correctly even if there is a question as to whether or not it is a frame-up in view of all the circumstances. He said he found it hard to reconcile his knowledge of ALBERTSON in the early 1930's with this and this is why he felt this happened (ALBERTSON's becoming an informant) at the time of the Smith Act prosecutions.

MICKEY LIMA stated the report should have been sent through the mail. He said he was given all of the information from the people in California. He stated the

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District Committee should have been told that the Party had a document, that he denied the content of the document and that a hearing had been held.

LIMA stated ALBERTSON has a history that goes back some 35 years and that the Party is not dealing with someone who has been around only a short time but rather someone who has been identified with some of the most important struggles of the Party.

(U) PHIL BART stated he voted for expulsion but what has come up in connection with various people makes it necessary to have a discussion, not that it is going to change anything.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON stated the question of frame-up was raised and he desired to rule it out. The handwriting negates that. PATTERSON said it is his opinion it could not have been a frame-up.

ARNOLD JOHNSON spoke next and utilized the blackboard to a great extent. Referring to evidence against ALBERTSON, JOHNSON said that after the first Smith Act trial, people "from here" submitted a memo. There is other information dating back to the time ALBERTSON was in Detroit; other which goes back further on his attitude and fooling around with women.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, returning to the ALBERTSON document, stated it is not a full report but is the correct ending of another report which was not satisfactory for the agent to repeat.

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DOROTHY HEALEY stated that if any of us had been confronted with the same evidence, we would have demanded a hearing (rather than) accepting it without any struggle.

HENRY WINSTON stated he felt the New York District acted correctly and made a good contribution to the Party as a whole. He said that one of the things that had to be considered was that in ALBERTSON's position of leadership he was able to nullify tactics and hinder the effectiveness of the general line of the Party.

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WINSTON stated "we" all have to share the blame because many things came to our attention and, if given only a cursory examination, shows conclusively that if we had acted correctly ALBERTSON would have been expelled a long time ago.

WINSTON said the decision of the Secretariat was that the expulsion of ALBERTSON from the New York Party organization be enforced. Secondly, that a committee of three be established to investigate the case and follow through on every lead. WINSTON added this is not only a New York problem, but a national one.

HY LUMER stated that ALBERTSON had a history of meetings where he did not get along.

JACK STACHEL stated there was no question but that ALBERTSON should have been expelled, not only on the basis of this document but on the basis of his personal life and record of leadership. STACHEL said he has confidence in the leadership of today and ALBERTSON should never have been part of that leadership.

STACHEL said the ALBERTSON case will present a problem for every district. We have to set up a committee to screen everyone, from the top down in the leadership.

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STACHEL related the New York District acted very well in this situation and the reaction of the rank-and-file generally is good. He said that once those people with doubt see the proof there will be no question of ALBERTSON's guilt. "Even if we never knew about this, there was enough already on the record."

(U) BOB THOMPSON stated he felt there are no areas of doubt on the fact ALBERTSON wrote the questioned document. There are areas that require much further examination, among them being everything pertaining to the securing of the document. The problem is that there is one person involved (DAVE BENNETT) who was in the leadership quite a few years ago and was removed with a certain amount of suspicion and controversy at that time.

THOMPSON then proceeded to relate the various actions taken by himself and the Party following receipt of the ALBERTSON case up/the present time. He said he felt it would be a serious mistake to say that everything which happened was caused by ALBERTSON, although there is no doubt he was able to influence some of the Party's policies.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON then suggested the entire matter of the ALBERTSON case be referred to the National Committee for action.

This was approved.

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1 - Mr. Wannall
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To: SAC, New York (100-120082)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

ReNairtel 7/13/64 wherein it is set out that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn (National Chairman, Communist Party, USA) advised NY 694-S* on 7/10/64 that the brother of David Bennett "is a CIA agent." It is noted David Perry Bennett is a current Communist Party member who has recently attended meetings of the New York State Communist Party Board.

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Inquiry at the U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., on 7/15/64 determined that Josiah Whitney Bennett born 11/10/10 at Cambridge, Massachusetts, brother of David Perry Bennett, is currently Counselor for Political Affairs at the U. S. Embassy in Lagos, Nigeria and he has been in this position since 1961. Josiah Whitney Bennett is a regular State Department employee and is not associated with CIA.

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NOTE:

Information relating to the current employment of Josiah Whitney Bennett was furnished by Mr. W. E. Jessop of the State Department to Liaison Agent Orrin Bartlett on 7/15/64. State has been furnished detailed data relating to Communist background of the brother of Josiah Whitney Bennett.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(U) NY 694-S*, on 7/10/64, advised that while talking to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN regarding the ALBERTSON story, he told her that he had seen GUS HALL and that he, HALL, is worried about their being a bit too hasty. She said, yes, it may be so. This man BENNETT who found the letter, the more they think about it that his brother is a CIA agent - it may be that he may have done it. She said things have now come out in the open, they have to be more and more on the alert in the sense of being surrounded by agents.

They are also afraid because twice in the last two days the FBI has said "no comment" in relation to the ALBERTSON case. They think the FBI may have an ace in the hole that they will come out with.

(U) There is a feud going on between National and State on this case. State office insists they want to make it completely their story and their investigation, to tell it to their membership in their own way, and want no interference, but National office says they want to put someone strong in State Party apparatus to replace ALBERTSON.

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[redacted] reported on 7/13/64, she had ascertained that sometime last week SID and ROSE REITER had dinner with ALBERTSON and his wife. During the course of the evening, regarding his expulsion from the CP, ALBERTSON proclaimed his innocence to all charges and stated he intended "to fight". At this point, LIL ALBERTSON vehemently stated, "Who can we appeal to? No one." (U)

NY 2384-S* reported on 7/10/64, the New York State CP Staff met at CP Headquarters, New York City. (U)

JAMES TORMEY stated everyone has speculated as to what ALBERTSON is going to do now. He said there is a campaign going on that perhaps another look be taken at the (MILT) ROSENS, etc. (U)

TORMEY stated he had no doubt but what the FBI will try to build on this situation. It would be to the advantage of the FBI to spread doubt about the validity of that (ROSEN) struggle. He said ALBERTSON did not fight with ROSENS and that at the early part of the struggle no one knew whether he was friend or foe. It was only after the national leadership made a move that ALBERTSON took a stand. (U)

TORMEY stated the first thing that needs to be done is to stop the FBI campaign going on in the Party. He said they had to do everything immediately to rally the Party and to protect the Party against the use of this by the enemy to further weaken the Party. After this is done and the reasons for it given, then you state we also have to continue to investigate to determine in what way ALBERTSON may have exploited the situation for the advantage of the enemy. In other words, you set your foundation of making the Party impregnable to these attacks. (U)

NY 4521-S* reported on 7/10/64, MARVIN MARKMAN contacted BOB THOMPSON relative to the ALBERTSON case. (U)

NOTE: paras. 1-6 previously claimed as (b)(1)(D) Sec: 190-4011.

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MARKMAN indicated he had contacted ALBERTSON since he was so involved with ALBERTSON in many things in the past. (U)

THOMPSON severely castigated MARKMAN stating he should not have done so. He said every possibility of a frame-up or anything else was taken very carefully into account. There is something beyond one person's word against another involved in this, a very substantial and incontrovertible thing. (U)

In explanation of ALBERTSON's public denial, THOMPSON said (the FBI) feels ALBERTSON's usefulness has not been entirely expended and he will be used to create a few doubts, a little dissension and a little disturbance. (U)

Concerning DAVE BENNETT and the possibility his brother is a CIA agent, the following is noted:

A review of BENNETT's file (Bureau file 100-197056), reflects he has a brother, JOSIAH W. BENNETT, who in 1959, was an employee of the United States Department of State (see New York report of SA JOHN H. CAMPBELL, dated 3/28/60, captioned "DAVID PERRY BENNETT"). Bureau requested to determine if in fact JOSIAH W. BENNETT is in fact a CIA employee.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 7/31/64

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-33050)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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On 7/30/64, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting of the Professional Club, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, held 7/24/64 in Philadelphia, Pa., FRANCES GABOW, former Organization Secretary and current Secretary of Political Action, CPEPD, gave a report on the national meeting of the CPUSA held in New York City, July 18 and 19, 1964.

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According to GABOW, there was no doubt ALBERTSON was in contact with the FBI. Papers purporting to be messages between the FBI and ALBERTSON were read at this meeting. In addition, all kinds of data were being expressed proving ALBERTSON's unworthiness. One of his recruits was a photographer who took lewd photos of his wife and then sold them. Also, a report from ALBERTSON's first wife shows she had warned the CPUSA about them giving him a high position. He recently was involved in an anti-leadership movement in NYC, which resulted in three or four people being removed from the district board.

GABOW stated there was considerable discussion as to whether the CPUSA should move against him since he is one of two individuals in an appeal test case of the McCarran Act before the U.S. Supreme Court. It was

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1 - 100-87211 (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM)
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decided the CPUSA would proceed with the expulsion but continue to defend his case on the basis of the principle of working for "Party legality." After consulation with the Justice Department, ALBERTSON and another had been selected for this test case. This also is a cause for suspicion that ALBERTSON would then be chosen to register the Party. She added that if ALBERTSON should now register the Party, the Party will not be responsible because he has been expelled.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

Previous memoranda have advised you of some of the results achieved by our successful counterintelligence operation which brought about the expulsion of Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), National Committee member and New York State Communist Party
(U) Executive Secretary William Albertson as an "informer" on 7/7/64.

A report on the Albertson case was made by national CPUSA functionary Robert Thompson at a meeting of the Party's Secretariat at Communist Party headquarters in New York City on 7/17/64. Thompson reviewed the action taken by the Party when the informant report was turned in and he then read the results of examinations by handwriting specialists in New York City and Chicago, both of whom reached the definite conclusion that Albertson was the writer of the informant report. Thompson then indicated that a "relentless" investigation will be conducted
(U) into every facet and aspect of Albertson's activities during his 35 years in the Party.

Questions and comments from Party leaders in attendance ranged from complete agreement with the action taken against Albertson to self-criticism for not having suspicions regarding Albertson. In response to a question regarding the possibility of a frame-up, William L. Patterson said that in his opinion the report cannot be a frame-up. Arnold Johnson agreed and reviewed the "evidence" against Albertson dating back to
(U) Albertson's assignment in Detroit where he was "fooling around with women."

Henry Winston said "All of us must share the blame because many things came to our attention, which if now given only a cursory examination, would show conclusively that Albertson should have been expelled a long time ago." Jack Stachel said
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leadership and that his case will present a problem for every district and that the Party must set up a committee to screen everyone in the leadership, from the top down. Patterson then recommended, and it was approved, that the Albertson case be (U) referred to the National Committee for action.

On 7/18/64 at a special meeting of the CPUSA National Board, the Board endorsed Albertson's expulsion but agreed that he still retains the right to appeal.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is obvious that the Albertson case is continuing to cause the CPUSA tremendous concern, although Party leaders are sure they have discovered and plugged the "leak" on the national level. The Soviets have also expressed a tremendous interest in the case and have requested complete details. In addition to furnishing such information, Gus Hall has instructed NY 694-S* to transmit to the Soviets through SOLO channels a copy of Albertson's "informant report" and 8 specimens of Albertson's known handwriting for examination by Soviet handwriting experts. Meanwhile, Albertson (U) continues to protest his innocence and has appealed his expulsion.

ACTION:

For information. You will be kept advised of the high lights of this tremendously effective counterintelligence operation. (U)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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Attached hereto are 9 copies of LHM suitable for dissemination, reflecting the activities at a meeting of the CPUSA National Committee held at Academy Hall, NYC, on 7/18-19/64.

The first source mentioned in LHM is NY 559-S*, who furnished information to SA [redacted] The second source is CT 5824-S* who furnished information to SA [redacted]

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a two-day meeting of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) National Committee was held on July 18 and 19, 1964 at Academy Hall, New York, New York. According to the source, this meeting took on the aspect of a CPUSA national conference since about one hundred persons attended including National Committee members, invited guests and some twenty-five youth.

The July 18, 1964 session opened at 10:00 a.m. and was chaired by Roscoe Proctor.

The main report at this session was given by Gus Hall, General Secretary CPUSA, and it dealt with the United States national elections in November 1964. Hall stated that the nomination of Senator Barry Goldwater by the Republicans signifies the development of a new "fascist" movement that the CPUSA must fight. The Goldwater nomination he said brings about a new "Hitler-type thing" on one hand while on the other it breaks up a lot of old formations in American politics which could be beneficial to the CP. For the next 90 days, the CPUSA will be engaged in a crash program to mobilize the American people against the Goldwater campaign. According to the source, Hall inferred here that the CP will support the Democratic Party.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Hall in his report stated that a Republican presidential victory would be a blow to the fight for civil rights and bring imminence to nuclear war. It would mean that the people of this country must make a choice between civil rights and "Jim Crowism" and between peace and nuclear annihilation.

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According to this second source, Hall took issue with the "National Guardian" staff who hold there is no difference in the Republican Party and the Democratic Party and between Senator Goldwater and President Lyndon B. Johnson. He called this an "outmoded concept" from which the CPUSA must divorce itself. Although the Republican Party, he said, is the real threat to American liberty, this does not mean the CPUSA should become an arm of the Democratic Party. The CPUSA must, however, become active in a broad united front to fight this threat.

Hall's report was followed by some 12 to 14 speakers who expressed general agreement with his report.

According to the first source, after a two hour break from 6 to 8:00 p.m. during which a CPUSA National Board meeting was held, the National Committee meeting resumed with Anton Krchmarek as chairman.

Mortimer Daniel Rubin, CPUSA youth leader, gave a report on a youth convention held in San Francisco, California, on June 19 and 20, 1964. He said this convention was a real accomplishment and a victory for the CPUSA. He said that the "ultra-left and the Trotskyites" were defeated at this convention on both program and policy. He added that 476 delegates had registered and that youth work was the most promising field of activity for the CP at present.

The second source reported that at the CPUSA National Board meeting held between 6 and 8:00 p.m., July 18, 1964, it was agreed to discontinue plans for a write-in campaign to elect Gus Hall and Claude Lightfoot, a CP functionary from Chicago, President and Vice-President of the United States respectively.

According to the first source, the July 19, 1964 session of the CPUSA National Committee meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. at Academy Hall, New York City, with Carl Winter, Michigan CP functionary as chairman. The discussion on Hall's report and Rubin's report continued.

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Hyman Lumer, CPUSA Educational Director, made a special report on the economic situation in the United States, stating he saw the continued upswing of the economy as a point of great influence in the November elections.

Robert Thompson, CPUSA, New York District Organizer, reported on the current Negro unrest and rioting in the Harlem section of New York City. He stated they were an outgrowth of the nomination of Senator Goldwater and that police brutality was a contributing factor.

According to the second source, Thompson said that the CPUSA is planning to assist in a demonstration in New York City on July 20, 1964. He added that Clara Colon, CP member active in Party defense work, and others were sent to a meeting of the organizers of this demonstration. Thompson remonstrated that the CP does not want any white members participating in this demonstration.

Gus Hall then summarized the meeting stating that it was a good meeting that indicated a great deal of unity in the Party. Hall said that there is a certain laxity in the Party going back to the John Gates factional fight in 1956. He said people have noticed something wrong but tended to blame it on the factional aspect. He said from his knowledge, the "enemy" is using all methods to penetrate the CP. Dope is being used and encouraged by the enemy. He has noticed it and will not keep it quiet any longer but will expose it. According to Hall, there is also a great break in the morals and ethics of CP leaders and members and the enemy is using this immorality to breakdown people and prey on their weaknesses. He called for a tightening up of security and a crackdown on all forms of immorality.

Hall summarized his report on the 1964 elections. He said that he and Claude Lightfoot will not run for President and Vice President on a write-in campaign, because in view of the Goldwater nomination, there is a need to focus all their attention to fighting against Goldwater. He said that his and Lightfoot's running might be misunderstood and could be a distraction from the anti-Goldwater campaign.

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A motion was made to endorse the general outlook of Hall's report and to prepare immediately a manifesto in the name of the CP containing the outlook and policy as developed by this meeting on the 1964 elections.

Hall then suggested that there be held a national conference of the CP on election matters some time around Labor Day or if deemed better that three regional conferences, the East, Midwest and West, be held. This matter is to be determined by the National Secretariat.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)
SUBJECT: COMMUNISTS PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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(U) CG 5824-S* reported on 7/21/64, he had ascertained, per HELEN WINTER, the following regarding the ALBERTSON case:

GUS HALL stated yesterday ALBERTSON had submitted a formal documentary appeal of his expulsion. He is ingratiating himself with the CP leadership by voluntarily turning in all material and records in his possession, including the wills of a couple of old people for the benefit of the Party. HALL stated this action by ALBERTSON really forces the Party to conduct a full and complete investigation of this case. HALL stated the ALBERTSON case is now in the hands of the National
(U) Committee.

According to WINTER, IRVING HERMAN has been instructed by GUS HALL to "take a month off" and devote his full - time energies to investigating the ALBERTSON case. WINTER, herself, is returning to Detroit, but will return
(U) to New York in about 10 days to work full-time on this case.

4-Bureau (100-3-104-34) (RM)
(1-65-38100) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
1-Chicago [redacted] (RM)
1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (42)
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CG 5824-S* additionally reported he had seen
(U) GUS HALL on 7/21/64, at which time HALL furnished the following: (C)

Since ALBERTSON has filed a formal appeal of his expulsion, HALL has decided to have more handwriting examinations performed on the ALBERTSON document. HALL desires
(U) these examinations be done in other cities, probably one or two, and that the handwriting experts are not to be "leftists." (C)

CG 5824-S* offered to have this done but HALL said he did not want to burden the informant and would have someone else handle it. CG 5824-S* does not know who HALL has in mind, but suggested as possibilities ARNOLD JOHNSON,
(U) DANNY RUBIN, IRVING POTASH or IRVING HERMAN. (C)

HALL indicated he is in a political fight with BOB THOMPSON and is hoping for a negative result in the handwriting analysis. HALL wants to prove THOMPSON wrong
(U) more than he wants to prove ALBERTSON guilty. (C)

CG 5824-S* advised HALL probably wants to leave the situation alone even though he is angry at THOMPSON, but if he
(U) runs into something he wants to prove it. (C)

HALL additionally told the informant he, HALL, eventually has to get the ALBERTSON document to the Russians.
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: AUG 12 1964

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P*)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReWFOairtel 7/10/64, in the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR caption, advising that a petition for writ of certiorari had been filed in the U. S. Supreme Court on that date.

On 7/10/64, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit entered judgments affirming the orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) in the following cases:

No. 17493, MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER v. SACB

No. 17548, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON v. SACB

No. 17617, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON v. SACB

No. 17618, BETTY GANNETT TORMEY v. SACB

No. 17619, ALBERT JASON LIMA v. SACB

No. 17620, BURT GALE NELSON v. SACB

No. 17621, LOUIS WEINSTOCK v. SACB

No. 17622, DOROTHY HEALEY v. SACB

No. 17816, CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT v. SACB

No. 17817, SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS v. SACB

No. 18381, IRVING POTASH v. SACB

No. 18382, MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN v. SACB

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(1 - 100-39) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
(1 - 100-8029) (BETTY GANNETT TORMEY)
(1 - 61-7508) (ALBERT JASON LIMA)
(1 - 100-54015) (BURT GALE NELSON)
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(1 - 100-108) (CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT)
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(1 - 62-21381) (IRVING POTASH)
(1 - 65-60544) (MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN)
(1 - 100-201491) [redacted]
(1 - 61-10479) (THOMAS NABRIED)
(1 - 100-20859) (WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE)
(1 - 100-206800) (GEORGE ALOYSIUS MEYERS)
(1 - 100-347401) [redacted]
(1 - 100-17657) (BENJAMIN DOBBS)
(1 - 100-25256) [redacted]
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1 - Chicago (RM)
(1 - 61-867) (LIGHTFOOT)
5 - Los Angeles (RM)
(1 - 100-4486) (HEALEY)
(1 - 100-39704) (SAMUEL KUSHNER)
(1 - 100-40441) (FLORA HALL KUSHNER)
(1 - 100-4663) [redacted]
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(1 - 100-371) (SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS)

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(1 - 100-93665) [redacted]
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No. 18383, MILDRED MC ADORY EDELMAN v. SACB

No. 18384, THOMAS NABRIED v. SACB

No. 18385, WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE v. SACB

No. 18386, GEORGE ALOYSIUS MEYERS v. SACB

No. 18430, JOHN WILLIAM STANFORD, JR., v. SACB

No. 18431, BENJAMIN DOBBS v. SACB

No. 18432, WILLIAM COTTLE TAYLOR v. SACB

No. 18433, FRANCES GABOW v. SACB

No. 18434, AARON LIBSON v. SACB

On 7/17/64, the following petition was filed in the United States Court of Appeals in the above-captioned cases:

Petition for Rehearing

Each of the above petitioners hereby petitions for a rehearing in his or her case.

On July 10, 1964, the Court entered judgments in the above cases affirming the orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board. Each judgment recites that it is "in accordance with the stipulation of the parties to abide by the decision of this court in Cases No. 17492, ALBERTSON v. SACB, and No. 17623, PROCTOR v. SACB."

In fact, however, the judgments have been entered prematurely and contrary to the intended meaning of the stipulations.

The parties intended that these cases would abide the result of the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR test case following the exhaustion of judicial review in that case. In executing stipulations, the parties anticipated that whichever side lost the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR test case would petition the Supreme Court for certiorari. One of the purposes of the stipulations was to avoid the necessity of filing more than one petition for certiorari in the Supreme Court. This intention

was manifested in the stipulations. The stipulations approved by the Court on July 9, 1963, and April 3, 1964, recite that "whatever judgments are entered on the merits in the consolidated ALBERTSON - PROCTOR cases after the processes of review have been exhausted shall be entered in the above-captioned cases. This means that the eventual disposition of the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR cases by this Court, or on their review by the Supreme Court of the United States, will be the disposition made in the form of judgments in the above-captioned cases." The same language appears in the stipulation approved on March 20, 1963, except that the less apt words "processes of appeal" are used instead of "processes of review."

The "processes of review" have not been exhausted in the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case, nor is the "eventual disposition" of that case by this Court as yet determined. This Court decided the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case on April 23, 1964. On May 11, 1964, the Court entered an order staying transmission of the opinion and the certified copy of the judgment in the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case pending the timely filing of a petition for a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court of the United States. On July 10, 1964, a petition for certiorari was filed in the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case (No. 265, Oct. Term, 1964).

Accordingly, we respectfully request the Court to vacate the judgments herein, and to withhold the entry of new judgments until disposition of the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case by the Supreme Court.* The same result can be achieved by withholding decision on this petition for rehearing until the Supreme Court's disposition of the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case.

*Like stipulations were entered in Nos. 17916 and 17917 (SAMUEL KUSHNER and FLORA HALL), and were approved by the Court on July 24, 1963; but judgments have not been entered therein. For the reasons stated, we believe that entry of judgments in those two cases should await the Supreme Court's disposition of the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR case. The same this is true of Nos. 18726 and 18727 (BETTY MAE SMITH and RALPH WILLIAM TAYLOR) in which stipulations, with covering joint motions seeking approval of the Court, were filed on July 10, 1964.

Counsel for petitioners have been authorized by counsel for the respondent (KEVIN T. MARONEY, Esq., of the Department of Justice) to state that he confirms the accuracy of the representations made herein as to the intent of the stipulations and that the respondent consents to petitioners' suggestion that decision of this petition for rehearing be held until Supreme Court disposition of the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case.

In view of the parties suggestion, as above, to withhold decision on this petition for rehearing until the Supreme Court's disposition of the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case, it is possible the Court may follow this procedure; however, WFO will follow in the U. S. Court of Appeals, and advise if other action is taken.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-32064 Sub I)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (C)(U)

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EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH HEREIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HIGHLY PLACED SOURCE. SINCE THIS INFORMATION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY RECEIVED AND BECAUSE BY ITS VERY NATURE IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY THIS SOURCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS CORROBORATED THROUGH ANOTHER SOURCE, THAT IT NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AT THIS TIME. (C) (U) Claimed as (B)(2) Sub 190-4011.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of an informant's statement dated 8/4/64, containing information orally furnished on 8/4/64, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] This information was reduced to writing on 8/5/64 and the original report is maintained in Chicago's file [redacted] (C)(U) Portions were claimed as (B)(2) Sub 190-4011. b7D

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August 4, 1934

(U) On August 4, 1934, [redacted] Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), confidentially advised that the matter relating to WILLIAM ALBERTSON was undergoing continuing investigation. He remarked that presently because of HELEN WINTER's unavailability to work with the investigating committee, the Party had drawn in PHIL BART to work with IRVING WEINMAN and TOM NABRIED on this matter. However, HELEN WINTER will continue as a member of the committee.

(U) [redacted] further added that GUS HALL, General Secretary, CPUSA, will break up his vacation and return to New York City on August 16, 1934, to meet with this ALBERTSON investigating committee and discuss the latest developments regarding the matter. [redacted] also noted that the ALBERTSON documents had been sent to a number of other cities, unnamed, and that the documents presently were as of August 4, 1934, in Los Angeles. He stated that the National Office is presently waiting for a report from Los Angeles on the matter of the documents. [redacted] did not in any way indicate to what other cities the documents had been sent or the results which had been achieved in these cities.

(U) [redacted] went on to state that while they are continuing the investigation of the ALBERTSON matter, they are also looking into other ramifications dealing with security which are related to it. He stated that one person that they are really after and would like to get is JAMES TORMEY. They are presently trying to get together all information possible regarding TORMEY and also attempting to locate any old document which relates to his past activities and work. [redacted] remarked that a lot of people in the past have talked about TORMEY and are suspicious of him, including ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-32364 Sub 1)

(W) CP, USA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

EXTREME CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN THE HANDLING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN INASMUCH AS SOME OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED HEREIN IS KNOWN TO EXTREMELY FEW INDIVIDUALS AND BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE.

Set forth below is information concerning the WILLIAM ALBERTSON counterintelligence project which information was furnished by CG 5324-S* on 7/16/64 to SAs [redacted]
(U) [redacted] and [redacted] on 7/21/64 to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and, on 7/22/64 to SA [redacted]

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Acting upon the instruction of GUS HALL that the "report" purportedly prepared by WILLIAM ALBERTSON must be examined by at least two handwriting experts in Chicago,
(U) and already having obtained a report from VERNON FAXON, a

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handwriting expert from Chicago, CG 5324-S* made efforts to obtain another such report. At the place of employment of his wife, [redacted] there is an individual by the name of FRED PESSIS who does handwriting examinations as a hobby and who occasionally performs such examinations on signatures on checks as a part of his work. Therefore, on 7/15/64 CG 5324-S* furnished to [redacted] a photographic copy of the "report" and photographs of three of the eight pages of the known handwriting of ALDERTSON. [redacted] had made arrangements for her friend to arrive at work early that morning and so for a period of approximately one hour before work that day PESSIS examined those documents in her presence. In view of the fact that he is only an amateur in this field, PESSIS refused to submit a formal report on the results of his examination. However, he did furnish to [redacted] a handwritten (U) note as to his conclusions which stated as follows:

"7/15/64

"Examination of two photostatic documents revealed the following:

Similarities: Persistence in not crossing 'T's. Tendency to make straight 'Y'. Tendency to make 'MY' appear as 'NY'.

dis: Size of letters differ in two photostats. (U) Heavier pressure used on one photostat. Other words are not similar. Capital 'I' not similar.

Conclusion: While it is not impossible that both documents were written by same person, it would be advisable to obtain the original and allow more time before a definitive opinion can be given.

Fred Pessis"

After receiving this report, CG 5324-S* then (U) destroyed this handwritten note inasmuch as it cast some 34 doubt upon the authenticity of the "report." He retained

[redacted]

a note in his own handwriting embodying the statement concerning similarities in order to be able to talk knowledgeably and to point out these similarities to GUS HALL. (U)

CONFIDENTIAL During the course of his stay in NY, 7/16-21/64, CG 5324-S* learned the following:

On Tuesday, 7/14/64, there was a special meeting of the National Board (NB) attended by as many members of the NB who were in NYC at the time. This meeting was for the sole purpose of discussing the WILLIAM ALBERTSON case. They spent the entire day discussing this matter but could arrive at no decision. JIM JACKSON and IRVING POTASH would not vote for the expulsion of ALBERTSON but recorded abstentions. JIM JACKSON was opposed because he does not trust DAVE DENNETT who found the "report." JACKSON recalled the fact that DENNETT had some association with HERBERT PHILBRICK and also with his brother who lives in Virginia and is supposed to be a member of some intelligence service. POTASH was opposed because he thought they were acting too hastily. Basically, both JACKSON and POTASH wanted the Party to conduct more investigation. They both abstained from voting. (U)

On Friday, 7/17/64, another meeting of the NB was held to discuss this matter and although they again spent hours discussing it, they were again unable to reach a decision. Both MICKEY LIMA and DOROTHY HEALEY raised questions and would not vote for the expulsion of ALBERTSON. GUS HALL was not present at this NB meeting, so those present then stated they wanted to hear from the leadership before voting. BOB THOMPSON advised them that at the meeting on Tuesday there had been some abstentions and this just raised more questions. (U)

Finally, during the dinner break at the National Committee (NC) meeting on Saturday, 7/18/64, there was another special meeting of the NB which was also attended by IRVING BERMAN. Right after dinner, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and HENRY WINSTON got together with JIM JACKSON and somebody else got together with IRVING POTASH to persuade them to withdraw their abstentions so that the vote could be unanimous. The decision was then made with misgivings at this meeting of the NB to endorse the action of the New York District Board to expel ALBERTSON. The sole basis of the NB decision was that from the legal viewpoint, if ALBERTSON was a spy, the Government could use him to voluntarily register the Party under the registration provisions of (U)

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the McCarran Act. Therefore, the Party wanted it publicly known that ALBERTSON had been expelled and could no longer be used to register the Party. Following this decision, BOB THOMPSON was permitted to make an informational report on this matter to the NC meeting but no vote was taken on it by the NC.

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A special commission has been set up by the Party to continue the investigation of the ALBERTSON case. This Commission is composed of IRVING HERMAN, HELEN WINTER, TOM NABRIED, and CG 5324-S*, the latter to take an inconspicuous role, and they are to go into every facet of the case. They are to spend at least one month in a most thorough investigation, devoting full time to this matter. IRVING HERMAN is to take off from his job to work on this and HELEN WINTER is to drop everything else to go to work on it.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON, through JOHN ADT, sent in his appeal to the Party protesting his expulsion. He charged that it is a frame-up and stated that if the Party gives him a chance, he can prove it. According to GUS HALL, ALBERTSON does not know how the report was found or by whom. ALBERTSON also sent in some other documents to prove his loyalty. These were minutes of various meetings, receipts, wills, and other papers connected with businesses. The purpose of this was to show that he is not interested in these things for himself. HALL indicated that this action got him to think again that perhaps ALBERTSON is innocent after all. Because of his misgivings, HALL has decided that additional handwriting examinations must be made of the "report" and the known handwriting of ALBERTSON. Therefore, some one is to be sent to two other cities to have these examinations conducted. CG 5324-S* does not know the identities of those who are to handle this matter for HALL. However, CG 5324-S* speculated that since ARNOLD JOHNSON was already secretly used by HALL in this investigation, he may be used again. Other persons who are trusted by HALL and whom he could use include PHIL BART, DAN RUBIN, IRVING POTASH, and IRVING HERMAN.

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CG 5324-S* learned from HELEN WINTER that BOB THOMPSON had in his possession some notes on the ALBERTSON investigation which had already been conducted. Therefore, CG 5324-S* obtained them from THOMPSON who released them reluctantly. This is the only copy of these notes and CG 5324-S* must now turn them over to HELEN WINTER. One set of these notes is included for the Bureau and

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one set for New York. Also obtained at the same time was a set of notes concerning MIKE SAUNDERS of Chicago whose condition will also be the subject of inquiry by this commission. One set of these notes is being enclosed for the Bureau and New York. CG 5324-S* advised that there is in existence another set of notes which is in the possession of HELEN WINTER which he has not seen nor has GUS HALL seen them. CG 5324-S* does not know the identities of the individuals who prepared any of these notes.

(U) CG 5324-S* stated that an important aspect of this investigation is that this will be a very thorough and far-reaching hunt for informants at every level of the Party. They have set up a full-time commission to conduct this hunt which has never been done before. The attitude of the leadership seems to be that if the FBI has had a spy at that high a level in the Party, there must be many more informants in the Party and it is the job of this commission to keep digging until they find them.

(U) As far as HALL's attitude on ALBERTSON is concerned, and the effect on HALL's position of the outcome of the investigation, CG 5324-S* stated that HALL's position is safe and whether ALBERTSON is found guilty or not will not affect HALL. The decision of the NB was made solely on the basis of protecting the Party on legal grounds from use of ALBERTSON by the Government to register the Party under the McCarran Act. They gave the Party the benefit of the doubt and if it is subsequently determined that ALBERTSON is innocent, the national leadership will be excused by the Party for this mistake because they resolved the doubt in favor of the Party. Were they to have taken the opposite position and ALBERTSON were to be found guilty or perhaps was used by the Government to register the Party, then the leadership would never be forgiven by the Party. According to CG 5324-S*, HALL would just as soon find ALBERTSON not guilty as guilty. His overriding fear, which is also the fear of many of the rest of the leadership, is that if this "report" could be a forgery, then no one is safe and the same thing could be done to anyone of them and unless this thing is satisfactorily resolved no one can feel safe.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 8/27/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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On 8/24/64 NY 1286-S* advised that JAMES ARONSON, editor of the "National Guardian", informed ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN that BILL ALBERTSON had submitted an advertisement for publication in the "National Guardian", offering his services as a caterer at office parties, home affairs, or formal banquets. It was stated that ALBERTSON could be reached at telephone number TW 1-9404. (U)

NEEDLEMAN could see no objection to the publication of this advertisement. He made a note of the telephone number and later attempted to get in touch with ALBERTSON but learned that he had already left for work at a catering establishment, where he was on a 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm shift. NEEDLEMAN also ascertained that ALBERTSON's telephone number at his place of work was GR 3-2845. (U)

NY 1286-S* reported that ALBERTSON returned NEEDLEMAN's call on 8/25/64. In the course of a lengthy conversation ALBERTSON declared his conviction that he had been "framed" and had been expelled from the CP without a trial. When NEEDLEMAN pointed out that the evidence against ALBERTSON was "fingerprint evidence" (i.e., incontrovertible), ALBERTSON said it must be remembered that "we are dealing with one of the best intelligence agencies in the world". He asserted that he had never written the letter which incriminated him, and that - as NEEDLEMAN and he knew - no agent ever signed his real name to a report. (U)

ALBERTSON speculated that "they" must be able to forge handwriting now, possibly even by machine. (U)

ALBERTSON mentioned that the document which had incriminated him had referred to decisions which were known to only eight people. He stated that this document should

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have been given to fingerprint experts, at the outset, to determine whether ALBERTSON's prints were on it. He said that if the CP had been suspicious of him, he should have been surveilled by people from out of town, not known to him. ALBERTSON added that he had offered to submit to a lie-detector test, truth serums, or psychiatric examinations, but to no avail.

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ALBERTSON declared that the CP should think in terms that possibly ALBERTSON did not do it, and should try to establish how it was done and what it means. He said that no one could be immune henceforth as what had happened to him could not be merely an attempt to "get" him, a secondary functionary, and he suggested that "something bigger" was in the making.

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ALBERTSON felt that the CP should look around and make a study of the case, instead of which they "panicked".

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ALBERTSON speculated that someone inside might have wanted a quick job done. He added that it could not have been done only from outside, but that help was needed from inside.

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NEEDLEMAN lent ALBERTSON a sympathetic ear and recalled that he himself had been "framed" at the time of the JUDITH COPLON case. He read to ALBERTSON an extract from the book "Spies Who Changed History", by KURT SINGER, dealing with this episode.

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ALBERTSON informed NEEDLEMAN that on 7/19/64 he had appealed his expulsion, and that he wanted JOHN ABT to handle the case for him. NEEDLEMAN said he had heard that the "Plenum" had affirmed the expulsion order, but noted that a final appeal could be made to a Convention. He stated that JOHN ABT lives in the same building as he (NEEDLEMAN) does, and that he would speak to him in September (when ABT returns from abroad) and recommend to him that an investigation of the case be conducted along legal lines, rather than on an amateur basis.

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The foregoing is submitted for the Bureau's information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34) -2- CONFIDENTIAL DATE: August 21, 1964

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-32864 Sub 1)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM IS - C (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated August 17, 1964, containing information orally furnished on August 17, 1964, by CG 5824-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA [redacted] This information was reduced to writing on August 21, 1964, and the original report is maintained in Chicago file [redacted]

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In regard to the individual identified in the enclosed informant's statement as DAVE BENNETT, CG 5824-S* noted on August 17, 1964, that he did not personally know this individual nor was he familiar with that individual's background. His only present knowledge of BENNETT relates to that individual's participation in the WILLIAM ALBERTSON matter.

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(U) LENA SCHERER on August 17, 1964, remarked that before PHIL BART of the National Office, Communist Party, USA, had left on vacation he prepared a note addressed to HELEN WINTER and MORRIS CHILDS which was left with her for transmittal to these individuals. Subsequently it was learned that this note prepared by BART contained instructions for CHILDS and WINTER to institute as soon as possible an investigation of the background and activities of DAVE BENNETT, the individual who had turned the document over to the New York District of the Party which led to the ultimate expulsion of BILL ALBERTSON.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 8/17/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

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Identity of source	NY 559-S*, who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of info	National Committee (CPUSA) meeting at Academy Hall, NYC, on 7/18-19/64
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On 7/18 and 19/64, a meeting of the National Committee of the CPUSA,with invited guests,was held at Academy Hall, NYC.

There follows a written report of this meeting furnished by mail on 8/4/64, by NY 559-S*. This is a more detailed account of this meeting than the oral report furnished by him on July 18 and 19, 1964, and sent to the Bureau by airtel dated July 21, 1964. (Location of original report NY file [redacted] [redacted]

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The written report is as follows:

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE, C.P., U.S.A. 7/25/64
JULY 18-20, 1964, NEW YORK CITY

A National Conference of the leadership of the C.P., U.S.A. took place in New York City on July 18-19.

The Conference was preceded and followed by several days of individual conferences with district delegations and leaders.

The first two days were devoted to a general conference. The third day was confined to a meeting and discussion on improving methods and machinery to expand the circulation and distribution of Party literature and press.

Nearly 100 C.P. leaders from 19 or more States were in New York for this Conference and the separate discussions.

GUS HALL desired this conference to convene much earlier, more than a month before, but was restrained due to the inner bickering and inter-play of factional politics in the national leadership.

All delegates and invited guests were previously informed to be in New York no later than July 17, a day prior to opening of the Conference.

In terms of Party finances the costs of holding this type of Conference are astronomical, as all transportation and a $5.00 per diem expense was allowed each invited delegate. For example the airplane costs and week maintenance of the six California delegations; four Illinois; from Texas, Florida, Missouri and other distant places obviously amounted to a high figure, merely for the transportation and daily per diem.

Effort was made to put on a facade of economy by making available addresses for free housing with other comrades, but few delegates availed themselves of these accommodations as it would deprive them of the post-meeting conferences and discussions.

Chairmen of the sessions were as follows:

ROSCOE PROCTOR, all day first session of July 18th.

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, evening session of July 18th.

CARL WINTER, all day session of July 19th.

Although there were in the neighborhood of 100 people attending all sessions, the following were specifically noted:

GUS HALL
ARNOLD JOHNSON
HENRY WINSTON
PHIL BART
DAN RUBIN
IRVING POTASH
JACK STACHEL
CARL WINTER
HELEN WINTER
HY LUMER
ELIZABETH FLYNN
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
ROBERT THOMPSON
WILLIAM PATTERSON
WILLIAM WEINSTONE
GEORGE MEYERS (Maryland)
JAMES JACKSON
PAT TOOHEY
BERT NELSON (Washington)
MICKEY LIMA (California)
ROSCOE PROCTOR (California)
DOROTHY HEALY (California)
AL RICHMOND (California)
SAM DAVIS (Chicago)
BILL TAYLOR (California)
CHARLENE MITCHELL (California)
DAN QUEEN (Chicago)
JIM WEST (Chicago)
JIM TORMEY
BETTY GANNETT
MIMI FRIEDLANDER
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK (Ohio)
MORRIS CHILDS
SID TAYLOR (Connecticut)
HERB KRANSDORF (Pittsburgh)
TOM NABRIED (Philadelphia)
OTIS HOOD (Boston)
"Lou" (Boston)
FRED BLAIR (Milwaukee)
JESUS COLON
BOB LEE (Maryland)
GREEN (Maryland)
RED LEWIS (Missouri, possibly St. Louis)
JAMES DOLSON (Phila.)
FRANCES GABOW (Philadelphia)
LOU DISKIN (Chicago)
CONSTANTINE RADZI
ALEX TRACHTENBERG
JOHN STANFORD (Texas)

"RALPH" (oregon)
"BILL" (Negro from District of Columbia)
"JAMES" (Virginia)
"BOB" (Bronx County Organizer)
"LENNY" (Manhattan County Organizer)
PAUL NOVICH (Freiheit)
JOE FELSHIN
MILLIE MACADORY
JAMES ALLAN
RASHEED STOREY
PHIL FRANKFELD
AL SIMON
MIKE STEIN
HERBERT APTHEKER
Miss APTHEKER
"AARON" -- Youth, Philadelphia
GEORGE MORRIS
MIKE DAVIDOW
JOE BRANDT
CLARA BODIAN
Minnesota Woman--unknown
LOUIS WEINSTOCK

Total 71

In addition there were approximately 12-14 other youth who are new to the scene and whose names are unknown.

Approximately another ten or so persons were noted whose names are unknown or who have not up to now attended any national gathering of CPUSA.

Although the gathering was originally characterized as a full meeting of National Committee, it took on the nature of a mass conference of C.P. leaders and district functionaries.

Its agenda was very general and the nature of the reports and speeches were also very general. Whatever specific decisions were arrived at took place in the conference with individual delegations and Party leaders.

It was commented that the gathering had the appearance of a small scale national convention of the C.P. USA. It is known that a considerable and prolonged quarrel took place within the leadership, mainly between HALL and DAVIS, over the scheduling of this meeting. HALL wanted the meeting in June so to prepare

for summer and fall activities, and also to undertake some organizational changes. DAVIS objected possibly because he foresaw HALL undertaking organizational changes to which he would object. In his opening remarks to the conference HALL stated that the conference should have been held a month or two earlier. Now with DAVIS out of the picture HALL feels unrestrained in moving in whichever direction he desires.

The Conference had a disorganized and unplanned appearance. Possibly all major conclusions and agreements were reached in smaller meetings, but the Conference itself took on the form of a general speechmaking and spouting-off forum.

The first session opened at 10:15 by RUBIN as FLYNN did not show up until after 11 A.M.

RUBIN proposed that a committee of HALL, WINSTON and himself act as a steering committee of the meeting, to decide any organizational or parliamentary matter. This was approved.

He then proposed that the agenda be restricted to the report of GUS HALL, a sub report on the recent Youth Assembly in San Francisco, a sub report by LUMER on the Economic Situation, and an informational report by THOMPSON on the "ALBERTSON matter."

He proposed that the HALL report take up the full morning session of 7/18; to adjourn for lunch between 1-2 P.M., reconvene at 2 and continue until 6 P.M. with discussion on HALL's report.

He proposed, amid disapproval, to reconvene at 8 P.M. for an evening session lasting to 10:30 P.M. His agenda was approved.

HALL delivered his report, which was half prepared in manuscript and half oral from notes. It was dedicated entirely to a generalized review and discussion of the political situation, the GOLDWATER candidacy, and the tasks of the progressives between now and November.

His general theme was to propose an urgent "90 day task force operation" to arouse and mobilize the people against the danger of neo-fascism as represented by GOLDWATER and the new leadership of the Republican Party.

He presumed to see in the GOLDWATER candidacy the beginnings of a new upsurge and breakup of old political relationships which gave great promise to a new political realignment and great liberalizing trend in the U.S.

His general thesis was that of the need to vigorously move masses of people into exposing the new pro-fascist movement and the great danger of world war supposedly inherent in the GOLDWATER candidacy, and in the movement and personalities which have taken command of the Republican Party.

Considering that GOLDWATER and the Republican platform are against "peaceful coexistence", are pro-war against the Soviet Union, they become the "main and central enemy" to be militantly combatted, even at cost of the Communists being accused of accepting the theory of "the lesser evil", that is, of indirectly supporting another capitalist candidate and party like JOHNSON and the Democratic Party.

He saw that the "great changes" as a result of the Republican Convention create a new political complexion in the country, which now makes it possible to undertake a great rally of the American people to secure urgent measures for peace and coexistence, to end military adventures in Viet Nam, to enlarge democracy and well being for the people. He saw the time propitious to speedily implement the civil rights bill, to enact a meaningful anti-poverty program, medicare, etc.

His stress was on the need to have the CP realize that the situation is such, and maturing even more so, to finally break its long isolation and guarantee from the mass movement and

big political movements. He saw the present as allowing a break-through and having the CP once again get into the swim and mainstream of political and American life.

For that reason he proposed the "90 day crash program" designed to galvanize all Communist elements to take advantage of the new and favorable situation.

He stated that his earlier decision and inclination to run himself and LIGHTFOOT for President and Vice President on a write-in basis was now improper and should be forgotten. He said that people could not understand why the Party on the one hand made GOLDWATER the main enemy and on the other would follow a tactic which would benefit him by causing confusion against the Democratic ticket.

He reviewed at length (in his oral remarks) the many positive developments which lead him to believe the Party now faces new, favorable objective conditions, to allow it to break its isolation and become an important force.

Primary is the "new political climate" caused by the rise of the neo-fascist and pro-war GOLDWATER movement, which alarms thousands of people and supercedes political attachments and affiliations. This, he saw, gives possibilities for headway in the coming electoral campaign in all cities, precincts, and neighborhoods.

Second, is the "breakdown" of the wall of anti-communist restrictions and legislation which has kept the Party hampered--calling attention to the Supreme Court reversal of two sections of the McCarran Act and the "victory" for ARCHIE BROWN in California against the LANDRUM-GRIFFITH Act.

His major stress was that the Party now has all the favorable conditions for its re-birth and re-growth if only the party and its leadership get rid of its air of self-defeat and feeling of being whipped.

He vaguely indicated that the national leadership has undertaken a number of organizational and leadership changes, changes which will also extend to the districts and states, designed to remove defeatists, factionalists, and deadwood.

Very few people took notes of HALL's report as it was stated that "an edited copy" would be made available and printed in a few days.

The discussion on HALL's report commenced with ten-minute speakers. However, after several speakers, the discussion was interrupted to have RUBIN make his informational report on the Youth Conference. In the evening LUMER presented his report on the Economic situation. These injected sub reports caused confusion as speakers with ten minutes time had to choose which topic to speak on. The result was a mish-mash of speaking on unrelated subjects. Some would touch on an aspect of HALL's report, others would choose the other topics. The speaking proceeded in this disorganized way all of Saturday evening and all of the following day. However, as earlier stated, this did not seem to matter much, as the main outlook and political agreements on "line" seemed to have been outlined and determined in smaller meetings of the Secretariat. The Conference itself, then, served as a general sounding board for letting off steam.

All speakers fully agreed with the "estimate" of the situation and their contribution was to amplify it in a small way or another. A number of speakers discussed their own local situations and did not seem to realize that HALL had made a report.

As HALL stated in his summary remarks, the Conference showed a complete absence of any division or factionalism, either on policy or regarding leadership problems.

HALL was greatly satisfied with the gathering. He stated this was the first real NATIONAL gathering in a long number of years. He called attention to representatives of 19

States present, "and for the first time in years our Southern districts sit with us". He stated that the ability to hold such a conference is confirmation of the lessening restrictions and the Party's ability to move more freely if it so desires.

The Conference was striking in the large representation of youth and new, young Party people. HALL publicly noted this and spoke at length of the "positive accomplishment" of finally bringing into being a national "socialist-orientated youth organization" in San Francisco.

At this point he almost exploded in anger against the "opposition" of some unidentified district leaders who have refused to take the youth movement seriously, or who have sat on their hands because of either opposition to the project or of general disinterest. HALL stated he wished to make a "flatfooted motion here and now" obligating ALL the Party to give the fullest support to the development of the youth organization. It is assumed HALL was blasting the leaders of Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit who have little to show for their youth efforts. The Chicago people, headed by DANNY QUEEN, have long argued technical questions as to whether the Party is "ready" for such a venture.

Only two general motions were adopted:

One, to "approve the general line" of HALL's report;

Two; to issue a Manifesto by the Party to the American people, this to be done in the next week. This Manifesto would "squarely place the Communist position before the nation and seek to influence the thinking of masses on the electoral struggle."

Earlier in the Conference a motion was adopted to send greetings to BEN DAVIS, now in the hospital (and not expected to recover), and to GIL GREEN who was obliged to remain at home because of the serious illness of his wife, who also is considered terminal.

This Conference was the first national gathering of Party people in about two years, when they gathered last under the cover of the "Democratic Assembly." There was observable a good feeling, some were even enthusiastic. Most believed that the Party had now reached a point where it can make a comeback.

It is also observable that HALL has already commenced to make the changes he has long desired but held in check.

The elimination of FOSTER, of GENE DENNIS, and now of BEN DAVIS, removes all "obstructing" and oppositional influence from HALL, and leaves him pretty much in the saddle as the single, main person.

He has already eliminated POTASH from the National office and chief of labor and trade union matters. CARL WINTER is assigned and will work both in New York and Midwest. HALL has finally disposed of PHIL BART whom he considered a dead-weight as Organizational Secretary, and assigned RUBIN. STACHEL is greatly demoted in influence. He is not even a member of the 9-man Secretariat, and seems confined to a technical job on "The WORKER." ARNOLD JOHNSON is in HALL's dog-house, and up for reassignment. HALL wants to remove KRANSDORF from Pittsburgh and TOM DENNIS from Detroit and halted only by lack of a youthful cadre to send in. GABOW has been replaced in Philadelphia by AARON. The ALBERTSON scandal allows HALL to move against THOMPSON and the oppositional New York set-up for their "laxness", but again it is a question of who to assign as replacement. MEYERS is being drawn into top roles as he is a crony of HALL. Thus, we may expect continuing changes along the line HALL wants them to be. The outlook is also that HALL and the CP will make very possible effort to move ahead in the next four months.

The "exposure" of WILLIAM ALBERTSON as "a police agent and informer" has caused a considerable shock and some inner party commotion.

The National Secretariat, NY State Committee and State Board and other Party committees have been dealing with this matter the past several weeks.

All information regarding this case has not been divulged by the National and State leaderships. A number of aspects remain unexplained. People are told to wait and see.

On 7/19 THOMPSON gave an "informational report" of the matter to the National Conference. His remarks were guarded and often very double-talk.

THOMPSON stated that "the Party came into possession of a letter written en ALBERTSON's well-known handwriting." It was written on a sheet of long yellow legal size paper in handwriting. THOMPSON read the letter to the meeting. The letter, substantially, said the following:

"Dear Joe:

"I apologize for being unclear in my last report. The geographical assignments of leadership responsibility are as follows: PATTERSON--Buffalo-Niagra; TORMEY--Schenectady, etc.; Westchester--BOB; Nassau,myself.

"I have not had time to send you a report of the last meeting of the State Committee and recent meeting of the State Board. I will do this in a day or so.

"I have been having considerable trouble with the car and unforeseen expenses. As you know I need it to get around a lot. See if you can have my expenses increased as it is becoming difficult."

"Yours, Bill"

THOMPSON stated it was not clear who ALBERTSON was working for--FBI, local police, etc. That all comrades of State and National without exception were of one mind, that BILL was an agent and had to be exposed.

He said the case needed further close investigation, among which was "the form in which the Party got this letter." Also, a check-backward on some of the activities of ALBERTSON in Pittsburgh and Detroit where there had arisen some "questions" a few years ago.

He stated this letter had been submitted to three independent handwriting experts along with contrasting examples of ALBERTSON's handwritings. All three, independently, wrote formal reports that they had been written by the same person, that forgery was ruled out, etc.

He stated that the "Party" had been very lax in recent years, and overly restrained by the factional situation which allowed enemy agents to freely operate under cover of "political differences" but that such a situation now must end.

He said the Party had set up a special investigating Committee to go into all aspects of the ALBERTSON matter and make a thorough investigation of his long time activities, associat conduct, etc. He said the national Party had also decided to establish a similar committee and start checking up "all the way down the line."

THOMPSON said that all members, clubs and committees in New York had responded "wonderfully", were not shook up or hurt, there was no "disarray."

THOMPSON said he has "no hard facts" as yet to state who ALBERTSON was serving but that the implication is FBI as they have had some other experiences in NY where FBI was attempting to infiltrate people and to recruit others.

THOMPSON said that they felt ALBERTSON possibly did do much to derail certain Party work and the accomplishment of many decided policies, but that all comrades could be assured he alone could never have had the CP adopt policies which were wrong; that policies are made collectively. However, looking back, they are convinced that ALBERTSON did stultify or depress decisions, such as greatly delaying technical arrangements for last May Day which made the event a miserable result. He also said ALBERTSON had a lot to do with depressing fund collections for "The WORKER," of holding up notices to Clubs, etc.

He said that when the Investigating Committee is through, a full report will be made to the whole Party.

He closed by exhorting the delegates to become acutely sensitive and alert to the activities of informers and stool-pigeons.

In his summary remarks, HALL spoke at length on the ALBERTSON case. He ascribed it to an intensified effort by the enemy to get informers and to approach those who are weak, are disaffected, or who have long ago lost faith in the Party and workingclass. HALL foresaw that the ALBERTSON case is not the last. He assumed that there must be others. He counselled against any "spy mania" taking hold inside the Party, but urged a careful and persevering investigation, check, and pick-up of any strange or out-of-ordinary occurrence. He said we all know the criteria, the yardstick to use in judging who may be a bad egg, and urged they be started at once.

HALL stated the national set-up is going to renew the Control and Review Board to be the repository of all these kinds of matters. He deplored that as of now there is not a Committee to where a member can lodge a suspicion or charge or have something investigated. HALL said this Control apparatus will be set up immediately and urged all districts to set up similar committees.

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HALL discounted the protestation of innocence made by ALBERTSON and his statement made to the NY Times, by saying that the "enemy" believes ALBERTSON can still be of further use if the present storm can be ridden out. However, all comrades uniformly are convinced ALBERTSON is an agent.

It may be assumed, as a result of the ALBERTSON case, that the CP apparatus and leadership will now become more consciously sensitive of hostile penetration, and though it may be quiet or public, a systematic investigation and check will be made of many people, occurrences and events.

HALL caused many delegates to comment, when in discussing the ALBERTSON case HALL stated the "enemy" is using all kinds of methods to infiltrate and pollute the party. He said he will no longer keep quiet about even the use of narcotics which the enemy is using. He said he sees cases of this but has kept silent, but henceforth he warned "don't say GUS knew about it, because from here on out I am going to blast any such evidence."

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Ryan

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM CONFIDENTIAL
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

We are still reaping benefits from our counterintelligence action which caused the expulsion of William Albertson, National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, and Executive Secretary, (U) New York State Communist Party, from the Party on 7/7/64.

According to information obtained by CG 5024-S* on 8/1 and 8/4/64 from Henry Winston, Vice Chairman, Communist Party, USA, the Albertson development now has caused the Communist Party, USA, to consider a complete reorganization of the New York District Communist Party (the Party's greatest concentration of membership) from top to bottom. Winston advised our informant that William Patterson (Chairman of the New York District Communist Party) needed to be replaced because of his age. Winston said Robert Thompson (national Executive Secretary, Communist Party, USA, and New York District Organizer) who is currently the most influential New York District Communist Party leader, was (U) another individual whom the Party would like to be rid of, although it was not known how this could be accomplished.

As part of the possible reorganization of the New York District Communist Party, Winston indicated he was under instructions to discuss in Chicago the possibility of Jack Kling (Illinois District functionary) moving to New York to assume the role and responsibilities formerly held by Albertson. (CG 5024-S* stated Kling will be most reluctant to make (U) such a move.)

In referring to New York District Organization Winston stated that one person they (Communist Party, USA) would like to get is James Tormey (Communist Party, USA, National Committee member, member of New York District Communist Party staff and Chairman of Communist Party (U) Industrial Commission.)

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The Communist Party is trying to get together all information possible regarding Tormey and is also attempting to locate any old document which relates to his past activity and work. Winston remarked that a lot of people in the past have talked about Tormey and are suspicious of him, including Communist Party National Chairman Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. (We have instructed New York to analyze the Tormey situation and to submit recommendations for counterintelligence action to compound suspicions directed against him by the Communist Party.) (U)

ACTION:

None. For information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(U) NY 4521-S* reported on 8/11/64, BOB THOMPSON was in contact with DOROTHY HEALEY in Los Angeles on that date.

HEALEY told THOMPSON she had just received the report (handwriting) on that thing (ALBERTSON document) and
(U) that it is identical to THOMPSON's (i.e. that ALBERTSON wrote the document in question).

(U) THOMPSON replied he expected as much

NY 694-S* on 8/11/64, furnished the following information obtained on that date in a conversation with
(U) ARNOLD JOHNSON:

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Last Sunday and Monday morning (8/9-10/64), JOHNSON was in Boston, Massachusetts, in order to investigate the ALBERTSON matter as it pertained to the reliability of DAVE BENNETT, in whose car the note was found. JOHNSON contacted two "real old-timers", namely, OTIS HOOD and ANNE BURLAK TIMPSON. According to JOHNSON, if anybody would know about BENNETT's
(U) reliability these people would.

JOHNSON's investigation in the Boston area proved negative from the standpoint of developing any information indicating BENNETT was unreliable. One of the main things JOHNSON had been trying to determine was the exact relationship between BENNETT and HERB PHILBRICK. These two individuals were in the same club. There is no indication BENNETT and PHILBRICK were close and, further, had they been close, it would have
(U) come out at the time PHILBRICK left the Party.

JOHNSON tried to learn why BENNETT left the Boston area and it was determined the reason for this departure was that BENNETT was having trouble with his wife which finally resulted in divorce and he wanted to get out of the area. As a result, he was transferred to Virginia prior to coming to
(U) New York.

The next question involved was to determine who recruited BENNETT into the Party. This has not been determined, although it may have been PHILBRICK. JOHNSON said HY GORDON's wife is to be contacted as she is supposed
(U) to know the answer to this question.

JOHNSON stated they were not able to develop anything about BENNETT's brother, nor has BENNETT been
(U) interviewed.

In summary, JOHNSON stated nothing derogatory concerning BENNETT was developed as a result of his trip to the Boston area. The only thing left in that investigation
33 is to determine who recruited BENNETT into the CP.

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Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO : The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: William C. Sullivan, Assistant Director
J. Walter Yeagley

DATE: August 24, 1964

FROM : Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

William Aitken

SUBJECT: Albertson v. S.A.C.B.

There is attached hereto for your information a draft of a proposed memorandum for the government suggesting that the captioned case is moot as to petitioner Albertson. If you have any question as to the accuracy of any of the statements in the memorandum I would appreciate it very much if someone would call me as time is getting short if we are to file such a memorandum.

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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

October Term, 1964

No. 265

WILLIAM ALBERTSON AND ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR,
Petitioners,

v.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD.

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

Memorandum for the Respondent Suggesting That The Cause is Moot as to Petitioner Albertson

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The Attorney General brought this proceeding against petitioner Albertson by filing a petition with the Subversive Activities Control Board for an order requiring him to register as a member of a Communist-action organization, i.e., the Communist Party. The petition alleged that (1) a final order requiring the Communist Party to register under Section 7(a) of the Act as a Communist-actionoorganization was in effect; (2) more than sixty (60) days had elapsed since the order became final, but the organization had not registered with the Attorney General; (3) petitioner was then a member of the Communist Party and was therefore required to register with the Attorney General under Section 8 of the Act, but had failed to do so (J.A. 2-5). The Board, after full hearing, found petitioner Albertson to be a member of the Communist Party and ordered him to register (J.A. 26). The court of appeals upheld the order.

Subsequent to the decision of the court of appeals, on July 7, 1964, the official Communist Party newspaper, "The Midweek Worker", announced that the New York State Communist Party had expelled petitioner Albertson after a thorough investigation. 1/

From this and other information the government is satisfied that petitioner Albertson has in fact been expelled from the Communist Party in substance as well as form, and is therefore no longer a "member." ~~The purpose of the Act as expressed in the findings is to eliminate the danger to the security of the United States arising from the existence within the United States of a Communist action organization and not to those who have ceased to be members.~~ Thus the factual basis of the order to register which has not yet become final has been eliminated. When circumstances have changed so that the moving party is no longer entitled to the relief which it seeks, only an abstract question is still presented for decision. In such a situation, in which no case or controversy remains, the case is moot. United States v. Alaska S.S. Co., 253 U.S. 113, 115-117.

We respectfully submit that the petition for a writ of certiorari with regard to petitioner Albertson be granted, the judgment of the court of appeals with regard to him be vacated, and the case remanded to that court with directions to vacate the order of the Board as moot.

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J. WALTER YEAGLEY,
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KEVIN T. MARONEY,
LEE B. ANDERSON
Attorneys

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1/ The complete text of the article is set forth in the Appendix, pp. below. [Albertson denied the Party's allegations which were the basis for the expulsion. Whether the Party or Albertson is correct is immaterial to question of mootness.]

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 25, 1964

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FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. Ryan
1-Mr. Reddy

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON v.
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

By letter 8/24/64 Assistant Attorney General Yeagley submitted for the Bureau's review and comment a draft of a proposed memorandum suggesting to the Supreme Court that the Government's case against William Albertson is moot and recommending that the Supreme Court remand the case to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) with directions to vacate the Communist Party (CP) membership registration order handed down against Albertson by the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) on 10/29/62.

As you will recall, Albertson, former Executive Secretary of the New York District, CPUSA, and a member of the Party's National Committee, was the subject of the first CP membership petition under Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. The Albertson case was heard before the SACB in September, 1962, and following the issuance of the registration order, an appeal was taken by Albertson to the DCCA. In December, 1962, the Government and counsel for Albertson and other CP functionaries who had been ordered by the Board to register under Section 8, agreed to consolidate the Albertson case with the similar case against Roscoe Quincy Proctor of San Francisco, California, and to process these two cases on appeal. The final decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases would then be binding on all other cases processed by the SACB under Section 8. On 4/23/64 the DCCA upheld the registration orders against Albertson and Proctor and counsel for Albertson and Proctor petitioned the Supreme Court on 7/13/64 to review the decision of the DCCA.

Meanwhile, in June, 1964, a counterintelligence operation was approved against Albertson involving the "planting" of an informant report allegedly prepared by Albertson. This operation was successfully carried out and the report was turned over to Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA. On 7/7/64, "The Worker," east coast communist newspaper, published a statement by New York District CP functionaries William Lorenzo Patterson and Robert Thompson denouncing Albertson as a "police agent" and expelling him from the CP. Needless to say, this operation has caused and is continuing to cause tremendous turmoil within the Party and, at the same time, has been of tremendous benefit to the security of our highly placed informants in the CP. (U)

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OBSERVATIONS:

The proposed action by the Department to have the Supreme Court declare the Albertson case moot is, of course, a matter to be decided by the Department and we have no comment regarding it. Declaring the Albertson case moot will not affect the final action by the Supreme Court regarding the constitutionality of the membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 since the Proctor case will now be the controlling case. It is extremely likely, on the basis of Supreme Court decisions in cases involving Sections 6 and 7 of the Act, that the Supreme Court will ultimately declare Section 8 unconstitutional. It is suggested, however, that we raise with Yeagley the necessity for the comment in a footnote to the proposed memorandum "Albertson denied the Party's allegations which were the basis for the expulsion. Whether the Party or Albertson is correct is immaterial to question of mootness." While it is true that Albertson has publicly denied that he is an informant, the inclusion of the above quoted comment might give rise to the question of what, if any, facts are available to the Government relating to this entire matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Assistant Attorney General Yeagley be advised that the question of filing the proposed memorandum with the Supreme Court is, of course, up to the Department and that we raise with Yeagley the necessity for the inclusion in the Government's proposed memorandum of the footnote comment quoted above.

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Yeagley was so advised. He said he had discussed the footnote comment with Solicitor who said he would have to see it in view of oral commitments had made to the Court. OBR

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TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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DATE: Sept. 3, 1964

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: ALBERTSON AND PROCTOR v. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Transmitted herewith for your information are two copies each of the brief for the respondent in opposition to the petition for certiorari of Roscoe Proctor and the memorandum suggesting that the cause is moot with regard to petitioner Albertson.

Both of these pleadings have been filed in the Supreme Court.

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From this and other information, the government is satisfied that petitioner Albertson has in fact been expelled from the Communist Party in substance as well as form, and is therefore no longer a "member." Thus the factual basis of the order to register, which has not yet become final, has been eliminated. When circumstances have changed so that the moving party is no longer entitled to the relief which it seeks, only an abstract question is still presented for decision. In such a situation, in which no case or controversy remains, the case is moot. *United States* v. *Alaska S.S. Co.*, 253 U.S. 113, 115–117.

We respectfully submit that the petition for a writ

[1] The complete text of the article is set forth in the Appendix, pp. 4–5, below. Albertson denied the Party's allegations which were the basis for the expulsion. Whether the Party or Albertson is correct is immaterial to the question of mootness.

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APPENDIX

The Worker, JULY 7, 1964, p. 8

N.Y. COMMUNISTS DENOUNCE ALBERTSON AS INFORMER

The Communist Party of New York State, after a thorough investigation and on the basis of irrefutable evidence, has disclosed that William (Bill) Albertson has operated as a police agent within the ranks of the party. Assiduously covering up his nefarious activity, Albertson succeeded in attaining a position of trust and responsibility. With callous and malicious intent he violated the confidence entrusted in him to perform the role of stool pigeon and informer against those whom he called his comrades, his friends, men and women who are devoted fighters for peace, freedom and equality.

Because the facts accumulated remove every shadow of doubt that Albertson lived a life of duplicity and treachery—posing as a dedicated defender of the workers' interests while in actuality betraying them—the Communist Party of New York State has expelled him.

It should come as no shock to Communists that the ruling circles in the United States employ the tactic of infiltrating working class and people's organizations to cause dissention and disunity, to spread lack of confidence in their own strength and in leadership, hoping thereby to defeat the people's struggles. Thus, in addition to open reactionary assaults on the Communist Party and other people's organizations through imprisonment and persecutions, witch-hunts and economic pressures, and endless legal harassments and litigations, the ruling class attempts to penetrate

working class organizations. Clearly, the Communist Party, the most consistent champion of the people's welfare, would be chosen as a special target precisely because its policies and activities conform to the people's vital needs and aspirations and the fundamental interests of our nation.

The exposure of so highly-placed a police agent as Albertson is but another proof that the ruling class will not succeed. With courage and determination American Communists withstood the years of McCarthyism and are now heroically battling McCarranism. They will with the same loyalty and dedication overcome the momentary dislocation created by the activities of such an agent and provocateur as William Albertson.

In exposing and denouncing Albertson, the Communist Party of New York State has the full and unflinching support of its membership and of all democratic forces who have been confronted with the work of stool pigeons and informers in their own organizations.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON.
ROBERT THOMPSON.

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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

ReNYlet 8/20/64 setting forth recommendations for follow-up counterintelligence action to capitalize upon the disruption and confusion currently plaguing the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), as a result of the abrupt expulsion of William Albertson by its National Board.

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The successful counterintelligence action effected by you against Albertson represents probably the most disruptive single blow ever dealt the CPUSA. Information received by the Bureau indicates the confusion resulting from this operation continues to gain momentum in the New York District and has also spread to other Party districts. A Midwestern office recently advised the announced expulsion of Albertson has increased local dissension and disunity among Party leadership. Albertson's expulsion has been discussed at leading organizational meetings of several district organizations and has precipitated disagreement. There is no doubt this counterintelligence action has also served to discredit the Communist Party in the eyes of the Soviets.

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A secondary benefit of your counterintelligence effort in this instance is the removal of pressures that had been placed upon several of the Bureau's highly placed confidential informants. The Bureau believes tangible counterintelligence results will continue to accrue from this operation for many months to come.

(U)

As you are aware, Albertson has denied his guilt and has indicated an intention to appeal his expulsion - possibly to the next National Convention of the CPUSA. He has stated he will seek the services of Communist Party attorney John Abt to represent him in his appeal. He

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remains loyal to the Party and has offered to submit to lie detector tests and truth serums to prove his innocence. Several top ranking Communist Party leaders, including Gus Hall, have expressed doubt as to Albertson's guilt and have indicated the Party may have acted too hastily in expelling him. (U)

The CPUSA is currently awaiting a report from the Soviets, who have undertaken examination of the incriminating document. It is the belief of the Bureau that the Soviets will uphold the authenticity of the Albertson document, but there is a probability they will recognize and advise the CPUSA of the fact that a sophisticated technique such as was used in this instance is feasible. (U)

The proceedings against Albertson under the Internal Security Act of 1950 currently represent one of the two key cases awaiting review by the United States Supreme Court to test the validity of the membership registration provisions of the Act. For your information, the Department has submitted a memorandum to the Supreme Court suggesting that the Government's case against Albertson be declared moot and recommending that the high court remand the case to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals with the recommendation that the Subversive Activities Control Board order seeking the registration of Albertson be vacated. This action will further serve to compound the suspicions against Albertson and the confusion within Party ranks. (U)

The Bureau appreciates the imagination and ingenuity you have afforded to your suggestion for follow-up action to capitalize upon the present disruption within the CPUSA as a result of the Albertson counterintelligence operation; however, it is felt at this time it would be dangerous to initiate the additional action you recommend. Although your recommendation presents some intriguing possibilities, the Bureau feels there is a danger we could overplay our hand if we were to initiate the additional action. (U)

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Letter to New York
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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The Bureau will keep your follow-up counter-intelligence plan in mind in the event appropriate circumstances warrant its reconsideration. In the meanwhile, you should consider the possible application
(U) of the techniques included in your recommendation to other phases of Communist Party activity.

NOTE:

As a follow-up counterintelligence action to compound the confusion and disruption resulting from our counterintelligence action against Albertson, New York recommended that a fictitious "defense"-type committee be set up to sow further seeds of doubt regarding Albertson's guilt. Through the use of letters directed to selected Party members, the committee would poll the members to determine what support existed for Albertson. Although the recipient of our counterintelligence letter, which would be signed with a fictitious name but which would utilize a telephone answering service mailing address, would not be required to sign his name in replying, New York would be able to determine his identity through the
(U) use of secret writing on the return form. The plan devised by New York could not be traced to the FBI but it is very possible the communists would suspect the FBI.

There is no doubt this follow-up counterintelligence action would compound the disruption within Party ranks, but we feel there is a possibility it could have an adverse effect on the continuing tangible results we are reaping. New York's suggestion is imaginative and takes a unique approach. To encourage such an approach, we are directing
(U) New York a somewhat laudatory reply to their recommendation but we are not approving the suggested action.

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NY 4251-S* on August 27, 1964, furnished the following information regarding the investigation of the ALBERTSON case by IRVING HERMAN:

(U) HERMAN, JACK KLING, CONNIE and PHIL BART met at BART's residence on August 27, 1964. HERMAN stated he has been conducting an investigation of the ALBERTSON case and would make an impartial report on it. He said the discovery of the letter poses three possibilities:

1. That it was written by the person who they said wrote it (ALBERTSON).

2. That the letter is a fraud in which the finder (DAVE BENNETT) is involved in the frame-up.

3. That the letter is a frame-up planted without the knowledge of the finder.

HERMAN stated the facts seem to indicate ALBERTSON went out to Great Neck to attend a meeting of the County Board and was picked up by the person at whose home (LIONEL BYALIN) the meeting was to be held. (Actually ALBERTSON was picked up by VINCENT CONZO, who took him to BYALIN's residence).

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Between 12:00 and 12:30 AM, ALBERTSON was driven back to his car by the finder (BENNETT). HERMAN said it was the finder's impression ALBERTSON had with him several newspapers as well as an attache case. The finder (BENNETT) states that at no time did he observe a large yellow memorandum type pad or page in ALBERTSON's possession either at the house or in the finder's car. (Such a pad, however, was discovered in ALBERTSON's desk at CP Headquarters).

HERMAN continued the finder stated there were street lights on at the time, it was not totally dark. The finder stated that at no time did ALBERTSON, while he was in the car, open up the attache case or appear to have taken anything from his pocket.

(U) CONNIE BART asked, "What about the finder?"

HERMAN replied he believes the finder (BENNETT) is honest. He was questioned in great detail, down to the smallest fact. The finder returned home and parked his car about 12:40 AM. He was to drive his wife to work a few minutes before 8:00 AM the next morning. The next morning, around 8:00 AM, as the finder's wife was getting out of the car, she noticed a yellow sheet of paper on the seat and called it to the finder's attention.

HERMAN said this is odd, noting the finder did not see the letter when ALBERTSON got out of the car or when he got out and locked up the car. A question arises as to why the wife did not notice it when she got into the car. This must be looked into.

HERMAN related the letter was addressed "JOE" and signed "BILL". It sounded like it was addressed to JOE BRANDT and written by ALBERTSON. He said the finder put the letter in his pocket and did not read it until that night. He said it looked like some sort of conspiracy to him so he called BOB (THOMPSON). He could not get in touch with BOB for a couple of days.

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HERMAN said the letter sounds fishy to him. He said that unfortunately he has not been able to get all of the material. He has not seen the original letter, the handwriting reports or the financial records kept by ALBERTSON. For two weeks he has been trying to get these things and has asked for the original letter two or three times. He said THOMPSON keeps saying HERMAN will get it, but he has not as yet.

CONNIE BART stated, "I think we should look into this, PHIL. This is very strange, very strange".

(U) HERMAN then stated, "We want all the statements. We want all the proof. I want the letter, the handwriting experts statements, as well as some other things".

CONNIE BART asked how many handwriting experts have seen the letter. HERMAN replied, "Four".

HERMAN stated the question of the authenticity of the handwriting must be examined. If it is proved that it is ALBERTSON's beyond the shadow of a doubt, then that is the end of it, but if a doubt exists we must look further.

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HERMAN then concluded the discussion by reading from J. NEWTON BAKER and ROBERT CELTIC, Ph.D., in 1933, in his book on "anonymous letters". He said he wanted to read some opinions to show that handwriting experts are not infallible and that expert forgeries can fool expert examiners.

One copy of this letter is being furnished the Chicago Office for its information.

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The CP is presently engaged in a thorough investigation of the various matters directly or indirectly connected with the expulsion of WILLIAM ALBERTSON. While the investigation is in progress, certain aspects of the case will be an open question and there will be areas for discussion among Party leaders and members that won't exist after the investigation is complete. The Bureau has asked for recommendations for follow-up action on the ALBERTSON expulsion. It is believed this would be the best time to add to any confusion, uncertainty, or disagreement that now exists over the ALBERTSON affair.

It is proposed that the following letter be sent to carefully selected members of the CP:

We are writing to you in the expectation you will lend your support to an effort to rectify what may be the greatest travesty of justice ever seen in the Party. As you probably know, BILL ALBERTSON has been expelled as an informer. They claim they have irrefutable evidence, yet they refuse to explain where this evidence came from. They won't let BILL take a lie detector test, and they haven't given him a hearing.

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We ask how a conscientious and devoted comrade like BILL ALBERTSON, a Smith Act victim and a Mc Carran Act test case, can be a government agent. Something is not exactly right here, and the matter needs far more investigation by people not responsible for the expulsion. THE WHOLE THING SMACKS OF THE WORST TYPE OF STALINIST TREACHERY. We must ask what party bureaucrat stands to gain from BILL's expulsion. Let's not forget the government did not treat BILL as a stool pigeon while he was in the Party and, since his expulsion, BILL did not treat the Party as other stool pigeons have.

We intend, for the good of the Party, to see that BILL has his day in court, and that all the evidence be presented.

The Party doesn't need a resurrected hero, 10 or 15 years from now when the truth may finally come out. We need tireless, experienced workers today.

Unfortunately, an open, stand-up fight is impossible. No one has ever won against Party bureaucracy this way, so we have chosen the tactic of anonymity used so successfully by BILL's accusers.

Yet, as we write this, we wonder if a fight for justice, or at least a full disclosure of the evidence is worth the effort. Who else really cares? Let us know if you care by tearing off the bottom of this leaflet and mailing it back to us. No need to sign your name.

Can we count on you for support? Yes_____ No_____

LESTER LERNER
520 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Remember; it could happen to you!

What May Be Gained From
Sending This Letter

It is not believed the Party could ever reinstate ALBERTSON after the unequivocal well publicized stand they took when they expelled him. Now there is evidence that the certainty which prompted their action is beginning to be replaced in some measure by doubt. It would be to our advantage to increase this doubt, knowing that with the evidence they have which prompted the expulsion, they can never be sure he was not an informant. They would be unsure of anything and this should increase the chance of a factionalist fight which was something they were concerned about in the beginning. Some would think ALBERTSON wrote the letters. Others might think the FBI wrote it to try to get their informant back in, and some might take it at face value. The letter would also give them reason to disclose some of the information they have decided to keep secret.

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The doubt and indecision would be demoralizing. It would be unpleasant for them to think that a grave injustice was committed which could not really be rectified. The letter suggests that others still in the Party engineered it and this would not be a pleasant thing for them to think about, and since it is not true, whatever they try to do about it would be damaging to them. The suspicion already directed at JAMES TORMEY should increase. In fact, TORMEY could interpret the letter as a charge made against him if he wished, which would be greatly to our advantage because he and his wife BETTY GANNETT would engage in a lot of disruptive activity. Since the TORMEYs have thin skins, this would be a likely possibility.

The NYO has considered the possibility that this letter could make additional work for the Party and thus additional work for CG 5824-S*, but it is not believed it would have an adverse effect on the security of NY 694-S* or CG 5824-S* or other informants. Chicago's comments are invited.

People To Whom Letter Would Be Sent

The NYO would limit the mailing to those people we are relatively sure that ALBERTSON knows and whose addresses are in the telephone book. It would also be sent to those who have expressed doubt about ALBERTSON's guilt but not to those directly responsible for the expulsion.

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Method By Which Return Address Would Be Obtained

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There are many telephone answering services in New York. They also provide mail receiving and forwarding services. Pretext calls were made to two of these businesses and it was learned one charges $10.00 per month and the other $15.00 per month for telephone answering service on a month to month basis with no contract. Mail receiving service is included at no extra cost.

The customer fills out a form showing his address, which is usually out of town, and lists two references on a form that is sent to the post office. The postal carrier would then deliver mail addressed to LESTER LERNER of 520 Fifth Avenue to the telephone answering service at this address.

The above information was received from the answering service at 520 Fifth Avenue. To insure that there would be no unforeseen difficulties in securing a mail receiving service, a pretext call was made to a third telephone answering service. The agent who called said he was an insurance agent from out of town who wanted to be able to receive mail and telephone calls from NYC clients. He asked whether it would be necessary to have a letter from the home office and what kind of identification was required. He was told that no identification was necessary and all arrangements could be made over the phone. All he would have to do was mail in the check or money order and he could pick up the mail or have it forwarded as he chose. This company charged $9.95 for telephone service and $10.00 for mail service per month.

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Mr. J. J. BARBATI, Assistant Chief Post Office Inspector in NYC, with whom arrangements were made for the post office box used by American Committee For A True Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, is on vacation now, but Mr. ROTELLO, one of his assistants, said he did not believe any investigation is conducted regarding the forms turned in by the telephone answering services. However, Mr. BARBATI would be contacted and told that he may receive some inquiries concerning the LESTER LERNER of 520 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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We can expect the Communists will conduct an investigation at the telephone answering service but they will only confirm what was stated in the letter and that is the writer has chosen to remain anonymous. They may be able to get a description of the agent who arranged for the telephone answering service, but little else. They may make inquiries at the post office but the post office would probably ask questions they would not care to answer and the post office would do no more than promise to investigate the matter.

Reason For Return Address

Asking for a "show of hands" provides a plausible reason for writing the letter and this makes the return address necessary. Also we may get some answers that could be of value. If we like, we could number the letters with invisible ink to see who answers. Also, we may want to write a follow-up letter commenting on the replies, real or imagined, that were received.

Bureau authority is requested to put the above described plan in operation.

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FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON v.
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

My memorandum dated 8/25/64 advised that the Department planned to file a memorandum with the United States Supreme Court suggesting that the Communist Party membership registration case against William Albertson under Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 is now moot in view of Albertson's expulsion from the Communist Party, USA, and recommending that the Supreme Court vacate the registration order issued against Albertson by the Subversive Activities Control Board on 10/29/62. This memorandum has now been filed with the Supreme Court.

Albertson's expulsion from the Communist Party was the direct result of a counterintelligence operation involving the "planting" of an informant report allegedly prepared by Albertson. The report was turned over to Gus Hall, the Party's General Secretary, and on 7/7/64 Albertson's expulsion as "a police agent" was announced in "The Worker." (U)

Should the Supreme Court comply with the Government's request and order the registration order vacated, this action will not affect the ruling by the Supreme Court regarding the constitutionality of Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 since a similar case involving Communist Party, USA, National Committee member Roscoe Quincy Proctor was joined with the Albertson case on appeal to the Supreme Court and will be the controlling case. In this regard, the Government has also filed a brief in the Supreme Court in the Proctor case opposing the petition filed by attorneys for the Communist Party, USA, requesting the Supreme Court to review the Proctor case. This brief in the Proctor case is being made the subject of a separate memorandum.

Information has been furnished by the New York Office that following the filing of the motion in the Albertson case, Albertson's attorney, Joseph Forer, made arrangements to confer

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with Albertson in New York City to determine whether Albertson still desired to retain Forer as counsel and, if so, whether Albertson desired Forer to oppose the Government's motion. Department attorneys feel that the Supreme Court will grant the Government's motion regardless of whether any action is taken by Forer to oppose this motion.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised of the Supreme Court's decision with regard to the Government's motion in the Albertson case.

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The Attorney General brought this proceeding against petitioner Albertson by filing a petition with the Subversive Activities Control Board for an order requiring him to register as a member of a Communist-action organization, *i.e.*, the Communist Party. The petition alleged that: (1) a final order requiring the Communist Party to register under Section 7(a) of the Act as a Communist-action organization was in effect; (2) more than sixty (60) days had elapsed since the order became final, but the organization had not registered with the Attorney General; and (3) pe-

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titioner was then a member of the Communist Party and was therefore required to register with the Attorney General under Section 8 of the Act, but had failed to do so (J.A. 2–5). The Board, after full hearing, found petitioner Albertson to be a member of the Communist Party and ordered him to register (J.A. 26). The court of appeals upheld the order.

Subsequent to the decision of the court of appeals, on July 7, 1964, the official Communist Party newspaper, "The Midweek Worker," announced that the New York State Communist Party had expelled petitioner Albertson "after a thorough investigation and on the basis of irrefutable evidence, that William Albertson has operated as a police agent * * *."[1]

From this and other information, the government is satisfied that petitioner Albertson has in fact been expelled from the Communist Party in substance as well as form, and is therefore no longer a "member." Thus the factual basis of the order to register, which has not yet become final, has been eliminated. When circumstances have changed so that the moving party is no longer entitled to the relief which it seeks, only an abstract question is still presented for decision. In such a situation, in which no case or controversy remains, the case is moot. *United States* v. *Alaska S.S. Co.*, 253 U.S. 113, 115–117.

We respectfully submit that the petition for a writ

[1] The complete text of the article is set forth in the Appendix, pp. 4–5 below. Albertson denied the Party's allegations which were the basis for the expulsion. Whether the Party or Albertson is correct is immaterial to the question of mootness.

of certiorari with regard to petitioner Albertson be granted, the judgment of the court of appeals with regard to him be vacated, and the case remanded to that court with directions to vacate the order of the Board as moot.

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APPENDIX

The Worker, JULY 7, 1964, p. 8

N.Y. COMMUNISTS DENOUNCE ALBERTSON AS INFORMER

The Communist Party of New York State, after a thorough investigation and on the basis of irrefutable evidence, has disclosed that William (Bill) Albertson has operated as a police agent within the ranks of the party. Assiduously covering up his nefarious activity, Albertson succeeded in attaining a position of trust and responsibility. With callous and malicious intent he violated the confidence entrusted in him to perform the role of stool pigeon and informer against those whom he called his comrades, his friends, men and women who are devoted fighters for peace, freedom and equality.

Because the facts accumulated remove every shadow of doubt that Albertson lived a life of duplicity and treachery—posing as a dedicated defender of the workers' interests while in actuality betraying them—the Communist Party of New York State has expelled him.

It should come as no shock to Communists that the ruling circles in the United States employ the tactic of infiltrating working class and people's organizations to cause dissention and disunity, to spread lack of confidence in their own strength and in leadership, hoping thereby to defeat the people's struggles. Thus, in addition to open reactionary assaults on the Communist Party and other people's organizations through imprisonment and persecutions, witch-hunts and economic pressures, and endless legal harassments and litigations, the ruling class attempts to penetrate

working class organizations. Clearly, the Communist Party, the most consistent champion of the people's welfare, would be chosen as a special target precisely because its policies and activities conform to the people's vital needs and aspirations and the fundamental interests of our nation.

The exposure of so highly-placed a police agent as Albertson is but another proof that the ruling class will not succeed. With courage and determination American Communists withstood the years of McCarthyism and are now heroically battling McCarranism. They will with the same loyalty and dedication overcome the momentary dislocation created by the activities of such an agent and provocateur as William Albertson.

In exposing and denouncing Albertson, the Communist Party of New York State has the full and unflinching support of its membership and of all democratic forces who have been confronted with the work of stool pigeons and informers in their own organizations.

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REPLY TO RESPONDENT'S OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR CERTIORARI

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1. The Privilege Issue and Prematurity

Contrary to its position in the court below (Pet. 7), the government argues (Opp. 5) that "until the order in this case becomes final," petitioner's claim of his privilege against self-incrimination "is premature be-

cause petitioner is not yet under the compulsion of the criminal laws to register."[1]

As soon as the registration order against petitioner becomes final, without any waiting period, petitioner must register or subject himself to imprisonment of five years and a fine of $10,000 for each day of failure to register (Act, sec. 15(a)). Accordingly, if this Court, like the court below, refuses to adjudicate petitioner's claim of privilege—conceded by the lower court to be "not without force" (Pet. Appdx. A, p. 24) —petitioner can reassert and relitigate his privilege only by risking a lifetime of imprisonment. To force petitioner and others similarly situated to engage in such a desperate gamble for the vindication of their constitutional privilege makes the Fifth Amendment an unkept promise.

No such situation was present in *Communist Party* v. *S.A.C.B.*, 367 U.S. 1. As shown by the passage from that decision quoted in the Opposition (p. 4), adjudication of the privilege of the Party's officers was there held premature because, "We cannot know now that the Party's officers will ever claim the privilege." Here, in contrast, the individual who may be entitled to the privilege has personally claimed it, as the government admits (Opp. 5), and his claim has been rejected (Pet. 7-8).

Whether the prematurity holding of the *Party* case, made by a bare majority, should be extended to the different circumstances here present is itself an important, substantial constitutional question which should be decided by the Court.

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[1] The government's Opposition refers only to petitioner Proctor because it has suggested that petitioner Albertson's case has become moot. Our Opposition to the suggestion follows this Reply.

2. The Merits of the Privilege Claim

The government argues (Opp. 6-7) that "registration could not incriminate petitioner" because of the conjunction of two factors: (a) section 4(f) of the Act prohibits the "fact of registration" from being received in evidence against the registrant in specified criminal prosecutions, and (b) The "Attorney General already had reason to believe that petitioner was a Party member," so that "the mere fact of registration could not provide the Attorney General with any new leads."

In the Communist Party's appeal from its conviction for failing to register under the Act, the government made the identical argument in asserting that the Party's officers could not incriminate themselves by registration. The Court of Appeals, reversing the conviction, rejected the argument, and this Court denied the government's petition for certiorari. *Communist Party* v. *United States*, 331 F. 2d 807, 813, cert. den. 377 U.S. 968, sub nom. *United States* v. *Communist Party*.[2] It is beyond our comprehension how the government can contend that its rejected argument demonstrates that petitioner's Fifth Amendment claim does not present a substantial question on its merits.

For 72 years this Court has asserted that a limited immunity statute like section 4(f) cannot supplant the privilege in a federal proceeding because it does not

[2] The government's petition for certiorari in that case (No. 1027, Oct. Term, 1963, p. 2) included the following as a Question Presented: "2. Whether the Party's officers may, under the Fifth Amendment, refuse to register for the Party when they cannot possibly incriminate themselves because the statute prohibits any information obtained by registration from being introduced in evidence in a judicial proceeding and no new leads to other information can result since Party officers have publicly stated their positions."

accord a protection coextensive with the privilege. *Counselman* v. *Hitchcock,* 142 U.S. 547; *Brown* v. *Walker,* 161 U.S. 591, 594-95; *Hale* v. *Henkel,* 201 U.S. 43, 67; *United States* v. *Monia,* 317 U.S. 424, 428; *Smith* v. *United States,* 337 U.S. 137, 147; *United States* v. *Bryan,* 339 U.S. 323, 336; *Adams* v. *Maryland,* 347 U.S. 179, 182; *Scales* v. *United States,* 367 U.S. 203, 210. No case has said that an exception exists if the government already has "reason to believe" the existence of the incriminating fact, nor has any court, in applying *Counselman,* inquired into the information possessed by the government. To the contrary, the Court has applied the rule so as to vindicate claims of privilege, despite statutes of the 4(f) type, even though the record showed that the government already had the information which it sought to elicit from the witness. See, e.g., *Emspak* v. *United States,* 349 U.S. 190, 200. Moreover, if the government's suggested exception were the law, the existence of a limited immunity statute would prevent persons from knowing when they could rightfully claim their privilege, since the right would depend on facts outside their knowledge, what the government has "reason to believe" about them.

We believe that the government is mistaken in supposing (Opp. 6) that the *Counselman* doctrine was devitalized *sub silentio* by *Murphy* v. *Waterfront Commission,* 378 U.S. 52 (see Pet. 10, ftn. 6). But if there is any basis for the government's supposition, surely the question is a substantial one which needs to be decided by the Court.

In any event, the government's proposed revision of the *Counselman* rule is not applicable to the present case.

First, the government's evidence and the Board's findings as to petitioner Proctor's membership in the Communist Party related to past membership.[3] Yet the Board's order, if it becomes final, will require him to make by self-registration the incriminating admission of Communist Party membership in the present, at a time several years later than the period to which the evidence and the findings relate (see Act, sec. 8(a); Registration Form 15-52a, Pet. Appdx. C, p. 39).

Second, section 4(f) does not preclude all evidentiary use of the incriminating statements made by registration. As our Petition pointed out (p. 10), section 4(f) by its terms does not protect a registrant against the receipt in evidence of the registration documents (1) to prove incriminating admissions in the documents other than the admission of Communist Party membership or officership, and (2) to prove the registrant's Communist Party membership in criminal prosecutions for violating the employment or labelling provisions of sections 5 and 10 of the Act. The government says of the second branch of this point (it overlooks the first) that section 4(f) should applied to prosecutions for violations of sections 5 and 10 because "the purpose of Section 4(f) was to meet criticism that the Act might be unconstitutional under the Fifth Amendment" (Opp. 7). But as *Scales* v. *United States*, 367 U.S. 203, 216, points out, the proponents of the Act took a "narrow view of the self-incrimination problem," and the legislative history (*Scales* at 211-219) shows that Congress was niggardly in the immunity it

[3] The latest activity relied on by the Board as evidence of Proctor's Communist Party membership was in March 1962 (R. 44-49). The latest such activity in petitioner Albertson's case was in July 1962 (R. 16-24).

was willing to extend to registrants despite repeated warnings that its action would be constitutionally insufficient. Hence there is here no more basis than in *Scales* for extending section 4(f) beyond its language.

Third, if the registration order becomes final, petitioner will be obliged further to incriminate himself by answering the questions on the "Registration Statement" (Form IS-52, Pet. Appdx. C, p. 40), as well as by executing the "Registration Form" (Form IS-52a, Pet. Appdx. C, p. 39). The government claims (Opp. 7) that only some of the questions on the Statement call for possibly incriminating information. But the fact is that except for petitioner's name, which the government already knows, every item on the Registration Statement calls for a potentially incriminating answer.[4]

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[4] The Registration Statement calls for all names used by the registrant in the previous ten years and for the Party offices which he held in the preceding year. Such information is obviously incriminating and indeed is sought for no other purpose. The date and place of the registrant's birth is identifying information which, especially in combination with the demand for aliases, can be used to link the registrant with claimed criminal conduct. If the registrant is an alien or naturalized citizen the information as to nativity may also be used to support efforts to deport or denaturalize him. Finally, the Registration Statement, like the Registration Form, requires an admission that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization. Since by definition (Act, secs. 2 and 3(3)), such an organization is a participant in an international criminal conspiracy, that admission is plainly incriminating under section 4(a) of the Act and the Smith Act. The government's statement (Opp. 7 ftn. 5) that a "registrant does not admit that the organization to which he belongs is a Communist-action organization" is belied by the plain language of the registration documents and of section 8(a).

3. The First Amendment and Substantive Due Process

Communist Party v. *S.A.C.B.*, 367 U.S. 1, 88-105, held that section 7(d) of the Act, requiring a Communist-action organization to file its membership list with the Attorney General, does not violate the First Amendment. The case recognized that the members had a First Amendment interest in preserving the privacy of their political association, but held this interest outbalanced by the government's security interest in obtaining the disclosure.

As we pointed out (Pet. 11), the government has no such interest in ordering members to register themselves following Board hearings. In those cases, identification of the person as a member and disclosure of his membership are accomplished by the Board's findings. Accordingly, compulsory self-identification of a member by registration thereafter is superfluous to any disclosure objective and is a purposeless exaction of self-defamation and submission to a government-prescribed viewpoint (Pet. 12-13).

The government's Opposition is unable to suggest any governmental purpose which can be served by requiring a member to register, and thereby degrade, himself after the Board has found and disclosed his membership. Instead, the government is oblivious to the issue. It asserts that the holding in the *Party* case "fully applies" (Opp. 11-12), while ignoring the key distinction that Party registration serves a disclosure function whereas member registration does not.

4. Denial of Judicial Trial and Procedural Due Process; Attaindor

(a) The government is similarly unresponsive to our contention (Pet. 17-18) that the Act unconstitutionally denies petitioner a trial by jury and a judicial trial on two issues: (a) whether the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization and (b) whether petitioner is a member of the Party.

The government first says (Opp. 5-6) that the contention is premature and must await adjudication in a criminal prosecution for non-compliance with the registration order.[5] But the government studiously ignores our argument (Pet. 17-18) that under the doctrine of *Ex Parte Young*, 209 U.S. 123, petitioner is constitutionally entitled to adjudicate his claims in a civil proceeding before incurring the enormous cumulative criminal penalties which the Act visits on those who violate a registration order.

On the merits of the point, the government professes to see no distinction between the situation here and standard procedure for enforcing administrative orders (Opp. 8). The government overlooks the critical differences, thereby avoiding the necessity of dealing with *United States* v. *Spector*, 343 U.S. 169, 174 *et seq.*, and *Wong Wing* v. *United States*, 163 U.S. 288 (cited Pet. 17). The order here is an exercise of adjudicative, as distinguished from rule-making, power. It is enforced by criminal penalties for non-compliance, not by a civil procedure as with orders of the Federal Trade or Interstate Commerce Commis-

[5] The government makes this statement only with regard to the first of the two issues mentioned in the preceding paragraph. It fails or refuses to recognize that our contention also applies to the second issue.

sion. As shown by Justice Jackson's opinion in *Spector* and by *Wong Wing*, a finding made in an administrative adjudicative proceeding may not be made conclusive in a criminal proceeding for violation of the administrative order, where the finding is, as here (Pet. 32), a constitutional prerequisite to the validity of the order. Thus the government acknowledges a fatal flaw when it agrees (Opp. 8) that in a criminal prosecution for failure to register the defendant will be bound by the Board's determination of the character of the Communist Party. A like flaw exists in the fact that the defendant will also be bound by the Board's administrative determination that he is a member of the Party.

(b) Petitioner was also held bound in the Board proceeding itself by the Board's prior determination that the Communist Party is a Communist-action organization. We argued (Pet. 14-16) that this preclusion of petitioner is unconstitutional because (a) the determination was made in a proceeding to which petitioner was not a party, and (b) the Board determination related to 1953, whereas petitioner was bound as to the character of the Party in 1962. The government concedes that this point is not premature (Opp. 6, fn. 4) and admits (Opp. 8-9) that petitioner was so bound.

The government argues (Opp. 9) that this procedure "is not so unfair as to violate due process" (Opp. 10) because "the Communist Party may be fairly said to have represented its members" (Opp. 9). The government cites *Hansberry* v. *Lee*, 311 U.S. 32, 42-43, and *Restatement, Judgments* (1942) § 86, which state that a judgment in an action which meets the requirements for class actions may, consistently with due process, bind all the members of the class. The proceedings

against the Party, however, lacked all the essentials of a class action. It was not brought against the Party as the representative of its members, nor were any members joined to represent the class; the Party did not purport to defend the proceeding on behalf of the members; and nothing in the Act or the Board's rules would have permitted a member to participate in the proceeding by intervention or otherwise. See *Restatement, Judgments*, at 418; Fed. Rules Civ. Proc. 23, 24.

Even if the *Party* case had been a class action, there would still be the problem that what was there decided was the nature of the Party in 1953, whereas petitioner was precluded as to the Party's nature in 1962. The government considers this circumstance reasonable, stating (Opp. 10) that the Act provides "a means by which the Communist Party itself can relitigate its status." But the government ignores the facts, pointed out in our Petition (p. 15), that the Act does not permit an unregistered organization to relitigate its status and that the Communist Party, asserting constitutional rights not disposed of in the prior litigation against it, has not registered.

OPPOSITION OF PETITIONER ALBERTSON TO SUGGESTION THAT THE CAUSE IS MOOT WITH REGARD TO HIM

Petitioner Albertson has instructed counsel to oppose the government's suggestion that the cause is moot as regards him.

The government quotes an announcement in *The Worker* of July 7, 1964, that the New York State Communist Party expelled Mr. Albertson on the ground that he "has operated as a police agent within the ranks of the party." It represents that from this

article and other, undisclosed information, the government is satisfied that Mr. Albertson is "no longer a 'member'" of the Communist Party, so that "the factual basis of the order to register, which has not yet become final, has been eliminated."

Mr. Albertson has heretofore, in the exercise of his privilege against self-incrimination, refused to admit or deny membership in the Communist Party. Since he wishes to preserve his claim of privilege, he obviously cannot comment herein on the accuracy of the government's representation that he is "no longer" a member of the Communist Party. Mr. Albertson does, however, categorically deny that he is or ever has been a police agent or informer.

If Mr. Albertson has been expelled by the New York State Communist Party, that would not moot his case for three reasons.

(a) Under the national Constitution of the Communist Party, a member who has been expelled by his State organization has a right to appeal to the National Committee of the Party and thence to the National Convention. The government does not assert that this appeal procedure has been exhausted.

(b) The Act does not contemplate that a person who has been ordered to register as a member of the Communist Party is relieved of the registration obligation by a termination of his membership before the order becomes final. On the contrary, the liability to register does not depend on whether the individual is or ever was a member of the Communist Party. It depends only on whether the Board found him to be a member at the time of the administrative proceeding, and, if the case is taken to judicial review, whether the finding is supported by a preponderance of the evidence. Ob-

viously a finding can be so supported and still be contrary to fact.

In short, "the factual basis of the order to register" is not Party membership but a finding of such membership, and the finding is always of membership at a time preceding the registration. This "factual basis" has not been eliminated as to petitioner Albertson, whether or not he is presently a member of the Communist Party.

Absent publication of an expulsion in The Worker, the government would be the first to reject a request that a registration order be vacated because the individual is no longer, or never was, a member of the Communist Party. And we doubt that the government would have taken its present position if the expulsion announcement had come after this case were over so that considerations of litigation strategy would not be present.

(c) Petitioner Albertson has challenged the member registration provisions of the Act on the grounds that they invade his constitutional rights. If he was once but is not now a member, nevertheless the Act's provisions make it dangerous for him to seek reinstatement and thus continue to interfere with his freedom of choice and the exercise of his constitutional right of association.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(William Albertson)

On 8/25/64 a confidential source of the New York Office advised that William Albertson, until recently a member of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), the National Committee, CPUSA, and Executive Secretary of the New York State Communist Party, (CP) who was expelled from the CPUSA on 7/7/64 as a "police agent," on that dated conferred with Isidore Gibby Needleman, New York City communist attorney who has been identified with espionage activities.

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Albertson bitterly complained that he had been "framed" and expelled from the CP without a trial. When Needleman pointed out that the evidence against Albertson was "fingerprint evidence" (i. e. incontrovertible), Albertson stated it must be remembered that "we are dealing with one of the best intelligence agencies in the world."

Albertson insisted he had never written the document that had incriminated him and he spectulated that "they" (FBI) must be able to forge handwriting now, possibly even by machine.

Albertson is presently employed as a caterer for office parties, home affairs or formal banquets. He has appealed his expulsion from the CP and indicated he desires CP attorney John Abt to handle his appeal. Needleman noted that a final appeal by Albertson would probably have to be referred to the National Convention of the CP.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) ON 9/21/64 RJS

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised of additional tangible results accumulating from our effective counterintelligence action against William Albertson which continues to disrupt the CPUSA.

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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 4/21/64.

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Reference is made to Chicago airtel dated 7/13/64 captioned "Solo, IS-C" and to New York airtel dated 7/14/64 captioned "Solo, IS-C." The first airtel indicated Gus Hall desired the document incriminating William Albertson be forwarded to the Soviets for examination at the earliest possible date and the second airtel indicates material relating to the Albertson matter was scheduled to be furnished to the Soviets on 7/23/64 through the "Matilda" drop. (S)

(U) New York and Chicago should immediately make any necessary contacts with NY 694-S* and CG 5824-S* to determine:

1. What material relating to the Albertson matter has been furnished to the Soviets and has any reaction been received?

(U) 2. Who has current custody of the original document that incriminated Albertson? (S)

3. Are there any plans to furnish the Albertson document to the Soviets for examination in the future?

The Bureau does not desire that either NY 694-S* or CG 5824-S* encourage the Communist Party to submit the Albertson document to the Soviets but it is important we be aware of any plans of the Party in this regard. Suairtels.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372598)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-102320)

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On 9/4/64, NY 2353-S* advised that CLARA COLON told BETTY GANNETT she had received word from JOE FORER that the government, in addition to filing a counter-petition on the membership case, has filed additional documents stating they want the case of (WILLIAM) ALBERTSON vacated on the grounds that, having ~~been~~ expelled from the Communist Party as stated in "The Worker", there is no reason to ask him to register.

GANNETT described this as "very interesting" because "I thought there was the question of a year. The McCarran Act speaks of being a member the preceding year".

COLON commented, "That's what JOE (FORER) said; their reasoning does not apply". She added, "But it's curious they did it. JOE wants to get in touch with GUS (HALL)".

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GANNETT said it would not be possible for FORER to get in touch with HALL and COLON remarked, "Well then PHIL (BART) should call him. Here's the thing BETTY, the answer to this thing must be submitted by the 15th of September. Also, he has to be in consultation with ALBERTSON and he does not want to. He would rather be in consultation with the other defendants or whoever is working with them. I would suggest that a consultation be held with PHIL (BART), JIM (TORMEY), you and any other defendants who are around".

(U) GANNETT agreed to follow up this suggestion by contacting the defendants.

On 9/4/64, NY 2010-S* advised that JOE FORER contacted PHIL BART and advised him of the government's position that the ALBERTSON case is now moot since ALBERTSON is no longer a CP member. FORER said he wanted to discuss the matter with BART, GUS HALL and ALBERTSON. He noted that ALBERTSON may want to have the case against him dropped in which case he, FORER, can "ignore it". However, FORER pointed out ALBERTSON may not want to drop it and said "in which case I will have to present his petition to the court".

FORER arranged to be in New York City on Tuesday to confer with BART and HALL at 1:30 PM. He told BART he planned to see ALBERTSON on that day and was going to call ALBERTSON to arrange the appointment.

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Pursuant to your request, the 9/14/64 memorandum filed in the United States Supreme Court in the Albertson and Proctor case is being returned herewith.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is a single copy of "Memorandum For Petitioners (1) Replying To Respondent's Opposition To Petition For Certiorari and (2) Opposing Respondent's Suggestion That The Cause Is Moot With Regard To Petitioner Albertson," filed in the U.S. Supreme Court on 9/14/64 by JOHN J. ABT and JOSEPH FORER, attorneys for the petitioners, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR. This was filed in Supreme Court Case #265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioners, v. SACB, and was in reply to the Government's memorandum filed in the U.S. Supreme Court on 9/2/64.

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WFO will follow in the Supreme Court and advise of pertinent developments.

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EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED WITH RESPECT TO DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION HEREIN SINCE BY ITS NATURE IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY NY 694-S*, A VALUABLE INFORMANT, AS THE SOURCE THEREOF. UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN NY 694-S*, IT SHOULD NOT BE INCORPORATED - EVEN IN PARAPHRASED FORM - IN THE INVESTIGATIVE SECTION OF A REPORT. (S)

(U) On 10/13/64, NY 694-S* furnished the following information to SA [redacted] b6 b7C

On the evening of 10/9/64, NY 694-S*, in a meeting with GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, was told by the latter that DANNY RUBIN had returned from Moscow. HALL was in a particularly bad mood, according to the informant, indicating that RUBIN had brought back bad news. The informant asked HALL

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what RUBIN had told HALL with respect to the Soviet analysis of the ALBERTSON letter and HALL replied very angrily that he would not talk about the matter except to say that the Russians had indicated that as regards the ALBERTSON letter, HALL "had (U) been taken" and that the letter would cause "a lot of trouble." HALL stated that this ALBERTSON matter "had broken his heart" and that he did not desire NY 694-S* to mention it again to him. (S)

On 10/13/64, NY 694-S* again conferred with GUS HALL, advised the latter that the Soviets had sent a radio message to the effect that they would deliver to the CPUSA soon the sum of $1000000, which had been requested from the Soviets for the CPUSA. At this meeting according to the informant, GUS HALL, who was in a much more mellow mood than he had been on 10/9/64, swore NY 694-S* to secrecy and, with respect to the ALBERTSON letter, stated that the Soviets had informed DANIEL RUBIN that merely looking at the ALBERTSON letter was sufficient for them to realize that it was a forgery. The Soviets had said to RUBIN, according to HALL, "Why didn't you read it? If you had, you would have known (U) from the beginning that it was a forgery." (S)

HALL stated that the whole "plot" had originated in Nassau County where he feels the FBI has had "nest of informants" for sometime. HALL stated, however, that he cannot publicly (U) admit now that the ALBERTSON letter is a forgery. (S)

In his opinion, he stated, there are probably no more than 50 handwriting experts in the USA; when the FBI prepared this forged ALBERTSON letter, the FBI had contacted these experts and advised them with respect to what anaylsis they should make in the event the ALBERTSON letter should be (U) submitted to them for examination. These experts were told by the FBI to state that the letter was "authentic." (S)

HALL stated that he will give the original ALBERTSON letter to CG 5824-S* to deliver to the Soviets in Moscow and that the Soviets would analyse the letter and verify their (U) opinions with respect to the authenticity of the document. (S)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-32034 Sub 1)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an informant's statement dated 9/25/64, containing information orally furnished on 9/25/64 by CG 5024-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA [redacted] This information was reduced to writing on 9/29/64 (U) and the original report is maintained in Chicago file [redacted]

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September 25, 1964

On September 24, 1964, JACK KLING, a leading functionary of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois and a member of the subcommittee investigating the WILLIAM ALDENTSON affair in New York, remarked that the matter involving ALDENTSON was still very much alive. He stated that from the investigation conducted and discussions on this matter in New York, it appeared that nearly all, perhaps with the exception of THOMPSON, are now convinced that ALDENTSON is not the culprit. Their investigation is now looking into the background of all persons who could be connected with this matter and they are seeking to check into every aspect of it. For example, he noted that the janitor at the Party headquarters building is being scrutinized in an effort to determine if it may have been possible for someone working through him to have gotten the paper on which (U) the ALDENTSON document was written.

KLING further advised that in the recent interview with ALDENTSON this individual still contended that he was innocent and volunteered to take a truth serum drug, a lie detector test or any other test which would prove his innocence. (U)

He then noted that the investigating committee has very carefully scrutinized the so-called ALDENTSON document in regard to names, dates and to the access that ALDENTSON would have had to the information contained therein. He stated they now feel that this document contains information, that specifically dealing with Syracuse, which ALDENTSON should not have had any access to; however, the rest of the information which appeared in the ALDENTSON document had previously appeared in an official piece of Party correspondence to which ALDENTSON did have access. KLING did note, however, that there are a lot of little additional inconsistencies in this document which deserve attention although (U) nine-tenths of it is the absolute truth.

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On September 23, 1964, GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, was heard to comment briefly on the WILLIAM ALDENTSON case in New York. According to HALL, he is not convinced that ALDENTSON is guilty. He said there were a couple of words in the "document" which DILL ALDENTSON could not even spell; for example, Syracuse. (U)

He then remarked that the only thing that he had asked DANNY RUBIN to take up with the Russians in the Soviet Union concerning the ALDENTSON document was to find out whether it might be possible by some chemical process to make a document of the type involved. (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
(65-38100)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
(100-129629)

SUBJECT: (U) CPUSA
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CG 5824-S* advised on 9/21/64, that in conversation with IRVING HERMAN and HELEN WINTER on 9/20/64, both indicated HERMAN is currently in possession of the original ALBERTSON document. (S)

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CG 5824-S* stated that, therefore, the original document never has been sent to the Russians and that the Russians undoubtedly were only furnished with a Photostat. (S)

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My memoranda dated 9/9/64 and 9/10/64 advised that on 8/29/64 the Government had filed its brief in opposition to the petition of counsel for Roscoe Quincy Proctor and William Albertson requesting the Supreme Court to review the 4/23/64 decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (DCCA) which upheld the registration orders under the Internal Security Act of 1950 issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) against Proctor, Albertson, and 24 other national and district leaders of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). My memoranda pointed out that at the same time the Government filed a motion with the Supreme Court suggesting that the Albertson case is moot in view of Albertson's expulsion from the Communist Party and recommending that the court vacate the registration order. (U)

As you will recall, Albertson's expulsion from the Communist Party was the direct result of a counterintelligence operation involving the planting of an informant report allegedly prepared by Albertson. The report was turned over to Gus Hall, the Party's General Secretary, and on 7/7/64 Albertson's expulsion from the Party as "a police agent" was announced in "The Worker." (C)

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On 9/14/64 counsel for Albertson and Proctor filed with the Supreme Court

(1) a reply to the Government's opposition to the petition for certiorari; and

(2) a reply opposing the Government's motion that the Supreme Court vacate the registration order against Albertson.

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Counsel for Albertson and Proctor take the position that although the registration orders issued by the SACB are of an administrative nature and neither Albertson nor Proctor is under the compulsion of criminal law to register, they have both already claimed the 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination as a defense for not registering and to force them to risk imprisonment through a relitigation of the issue under criminal law makes the 5th Amendment "an unkept promise." The Supreme Court is urged to consider the constitutional issue at this time, thus preventing additional criminal litigation. (u)

With regard to the Government's suggestion that the Supreme Court vacate the registration order against Albertson on the grounds that he has been expelled from the Communist Party, the brief notes that Albertson "has instructed counsel to oppose the Government's suggestion." The brief argues that a Communist Party member who has been expelled has the right of appeal for reinstatement and that if Albertson was once, but is not now, a member of the Communist Party, the registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 makes it dangerous for him to seek reinstatement unless his case is finally adjudicated through judicial review. The brief also notes that since Albertson has, in the exercise of his 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, refused to admit or deny membership in the Communist Party, he cannot comment on the accuracy of the Government's claim that he is no longer a Communist Party member. However, Albertson categorically denies that he is or ever has been "a police agent or informer." (u)

OBSERVATIONS:

The Supreme Court will be faced with 2 decisions regarding the membership provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 when it resumes deliberation in October, 1964.

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The court must decide whether to grant certiorari and consider the constitutional issues at this stage of the proceedings or to deny certiorari, thereby upholding the 4/23/64 decision of the DCCA. Should the court grant certiorari, it is possible that the membership registration provision will be declared unconstitutional, whereas denial of certiorari will result in criminal action by the Government against Party leaders whom the SACB has ordered to register.

The court must also decide whether or not to vacate the registration order against Albertson as recommended by the Government. Whether or not the court vacates Albertson's registration order will have no bearing on the more important decision of the granting or denial of certiorari.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be kept advised of further developments in the Proctor and Albertson cases.

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(65-38100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-129002)
(100-129629)

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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

On 9/20/64, NY 4251-S* furnished the following information regarding a meeting of the committee investigating the ALBERTSON case held at the residence of PHIL BART:

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The committee reviewed the content of the report submitted to the Party as a result of the investigation conducted. (A copy of this report was furnished the Bureau by airtel, 9/19/64.)

JACK KLING stated that he and PHIL BART had looked closely at the ALBERTSON document and noted there were no creases in it such as would be expected if someone has sat upon it. He said it appeared when the investigation started that the only thing to be settled was the background of ALBERTSON and when he became an informer. If he wrote the document there is no doubt of his informant status but if he did not then the whole situation is up for grabs. KLING proceeded to review various points contained in the Party report, such as the finding of the letter and the circumstances surrounding it, the so-called

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scratches on the car door near the vent window and the fact that the stories of the BENNETT's changed upon reinterview as to when they found the document.

KLING continued as to the handwriting opinions. He said there is no possibility of an imitation. All of the experts have concluded the document and ALBERTSON's handwriting are one and the same.

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Regarding the paper on which the ALBERTSON letter was written, KLING stated BENNETT said he never saw ALBERTSON with paper of this type nor did he observe him open his brief case or take anything out of his pocket. This is in disagreement with LIONEL BYALIN's statement who said ALBERTSON did open his brief case and take out notes regarding a previous State Committee meeting. BYALIN was not sure if these notes were on the same type of yellow paper as used in the note but is positive that at other meetings ALBERTSON always had such type paper with him.

KLING speculated that ALBERTSON conceivably folded the report and placed it in a newspaper for delivery to his contact. This did not materialize so he returned the report to the newspaper for delivery later that evening or at his own home. While in the company of BENNETT the report fell out of the paper and was subsequently discovered.

CARL WINTER said this speculation would not hold up because the nature of the note itself was such that it was prepared for delivery after the meeting not before.

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KLING said ALBERTSON could have been referring to another report or something else. He said he questioned some of the language of the report which would need clarification.

TOM NARRIED said this presents no problem as ALBERTSON could have prepared his original report giving the information in a hurry and not have included enough detail, thereby making such a request for clarification necessary.

KLING again referred to ALBERTSON's association with shady characters, etc. He said it still is to be answered as to where ALBERTSON obtained the money to support such ventures.

(U) PHIL BART referred to the so-called interview of ALBERTSON some time ago wherein he was supposed to have been offered some $500 per month to inform. He said ALBERTSON should be asked why he never told the Party about this contact.

HELEN WINTER brought up the subject of finances. She read from a statement from the bookkeeper who took over in January, 1964. The bookkeeper's statement indicated that she had only two or three days to look at the books at that time she discovered there should have been some $3,000 in cash on hand whereas there was only some $12. She asked ALBERTSON about it and was advised he did not know what happened to the money except that it might have been placed in the loan account. ALBERTSON told her to enter the $12 figure on the books. Later, between April and June, 1964, another shortage developed which has not as yet been traced.

MORRIS CHILDS referred to the handwriting examinations and said this is most important. He said he had talked to handwriting experts and they have stated that it would be impossible to forge a document over a line in length and that in doing even that it would take a month to six months to do. From the contents of the ALBERTSON letter, with the time element involved, it would have been impossible for anyone to forge the document. He said usually the handwriting experts have a signature and maybe ten or twelve more to compare. In these cases, they sometimes disagree, however, in the ALBERTSON case

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the experts had some seven to eight pages of his handwriting to work from and all agreed that he wrote the document in question. CHILDS added that in addition to these opinions, the committee has received all kinds of reports showing financial records are wrong, reports showing irregularities as well as his association with many women. Even ALBERTSON himself admits to some of these things.

CHILDS continued that the committee knows the document is authentic and from witnesses that ALBERTSON was a "no good guy", not a real Communist and that he acted as an anti-Party element would be expected to. He said the committee has to consider the fact that the handwriting experts were from different locations, none knowing the other, and all agreed on the author of the document.

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CARL WINTER stated it must be borne in mind when the committee (Appeals) interviews ALBERTSON that they are not dealing with someone who is in the Party. They are dealing with someone who has been expelled from the Party and with someone who, regardless of the outcome of the investigation, will never be readmitted into membership.

During a discussion when most of the individuals present were speaking at the same time, the informant was able to determine several of them commented to the effect ALBERTSON will never gain re-entry into the Party.

PHIL BART stated ALBERTSON should be interviewed and told only that he had asked for this by his appeal and that he should state his case. Thereafter the questions put to him should be based upon the answers he gives.

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It was decided the committee, possibly only two to three people, would try to interview ALDERTSON the next day, 9/21/64, in a hotel room, and that they would utilize a tape recorder to record this interview and his reactions to the questions posed.

PHIL BART stated that if we could get him alone with two people and say, "Look you son-of-a-b----, we've got your record. We're going to expose you. We've got people who have given signed statements saying this about you." You could do a lot of things.

IRVING POTASH said they could feel their way through the interview and tell him, "You dirty b---, we want the truth."

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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

ReDuairtel to New York and Chicago dated 9/10/64, captioned as above, requesting information relative to the disposition of the original ALBERTSON material and whether this material will be examined by Soviet experts. (U)

The latest information available to the Chicago Office was telephonically received from the New York Office on 9/11/64. On that date, NY 694-S* furnished for transmittal to CG 5824-S* a number of items of information which he had obtained from GUS HALL, including the fact that DANIEL RUBIN, then en route to the USSR, had taken with him the original ALBERTSON documents. The Soviet experts were to give this material the "full treatment" and then will render a secret official report. Thus far there has been no information relative to Soviet reaction. (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)
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SUBJECT: CPUSA
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ReDuairtel, 9/10/64.

As noted in New York airtel, 7/14/64, captioned, "SOLO; IS-C", NY 694-S* received a message from the Soviets in which it was stated they would be ready on 7/23/64, to receive the "material" on ALBERTSON. NY 694-S* on 9/11/64, stated this "material" referred to information rather than physical material. (U)

As set forth in NY airtel 7/24/64, captioned, "SOLO; IS-C," NY 694-S* on 7/23/64, advised the Soviets ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN had the official information regarding ALBERTSON and would so inform the Soviets upon her arrival in Moscow on 8/1/64. Further, that the National Committee, CPUSA, had concluded a meeting in which it endorsed the action of the NY District in expelling ALBERTSON and that FLYNN would be prepared to discuss this meeting. (U)

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It is known, however, through other sources, FLYNN was convinced of ALBERTSON's guilt. It is felt FLYNN, in briefing the Soviets of the ALBERTSON affair, if she did prior to her demise, could be expected to relate the facts as she knew them including her own personal feelings in the matter. (U)

NY 694-S* advised on 9/11/64, he had obtained the following information regarding the ALBERTSON matter in a conversation with GUS HALL on that date: (U) CONFIDENTIAL

MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN took the original document incriminating ALBERTSON with him when he went to Moscow. The Soviets are to give the document the "full treatment" and will give a "secret" report on it. (NY 694-S* stated he does not know how this report will be transmitted to the CPUSA, but speculated RUBIN will bring it back when he returns from Russia). (U)

HALL stated the investigating committee is soon to issue a report on its findings in this matter. The more the committee looks into the situation, the more ALBERTSON becomes involved. HALL said, for example, the Government wants to drop its case against ALBERTSON but ALBERTSON says "no" and wants the prosecution. (U)

HALL said in a recent conversation with JOE FORER, FORER said never to take the opinion of handwriting experts because they always say things are genuine even though there is a million to one chance they are wrong. HALL stated that, nonetheless, the CPUSA is convinced the document was written by ALBERTSON. (U)

HALL added that he intends to install ARNOLD JOHNSON in ALBERTSON's position as Executive Secretary of the NY District to strengthen his, HALL's, hand in the District and also to weaken the position of BOB THOMPSON in the District. (U)

For the information of the Bureau, MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN left the U.S. for Russia on 9/8/64, to attend the World Forum of Solidarity of Youth and Students in the Fight for National Independence and Liberation, for Peace in Moscow, 9/16-24/64. It is not known when RUBIN plans to return to the U.S. (U) CONFIDENTIAL

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(U) Enclosed herewith is one copy of the 16-page preliminary report of the investigating committee set up to investigate the WILLIAM ALBERTSON Case by the CP, USA, which report was obtained on 9/18/64 by CG 5824-S* from HELEN WINTER, a member of this investigating committee. The NYO is retaining one copy of this report. (S)

(U) CG 5824-S* additionally reported on 9/18/64, WINTER had stated that a new investigating committee has been set up to further investigate the matter and look into various as yet unexplained questions. She stated the members of this new investigating committee are IRVING POTASH, PHIL BART, TOM NABRIED, JIM TORMEY and JACK KLING. WINTER stated this committee is to obtain further information regarding the involvement of DAVE BENNETT in this situation, noting the original investigating committee is suspicious of BENNETT. Its initial meeting will be on Sunday, 9/20/64. (S)

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The facts presented in this report were derived from several sources including direct interviews with some 21 people. Several other people remain to be seen to fully round out our report.

The discovery of the letter posed three possibilities: 1. The letter was authentic and was written by Bill; 2. The letter was a forgery in which the finder himself was implicated in a frame-up of Bill; 3. The letter was a fraud and was planted without the knowledge of the finder who believed it to be genuine.

This report seeks to discuss all information relative to the above as well as examine to the extent possible the background and methods of operation of Bill.

I--Circumstances Surrounding the Finding of the Letter

1. Bill had gone to Great Neck, L.I. by car to attend a meeting of the Nassau County Board, held Wednesday, June 24. He had been working with the county for the past 3 or 4 months and had attended some 4 or 5 of its meetings.

2. He parked his car [illegible] two blocks away from the L.I.R.R. station, on the street [illegible] proceeded on foot towards the station where he was to be [illegible] and taken to the meeting. Jim B. and Vinnie of the [illegible] membership drove up to the station in Vinnie's car [illegible]. Shortly after coming to the station Bill [illegible] Vinnie [illegible] and the three drove off to the [illegible] being [illegible] Jim's home. Jim states that [illegible] Bill had [illegible] as far as he recalls w[illegible] At no t[illegible] car ride did he open

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4. According to Dave, Bill had in his hands during the meeting some papers with notes on the election campaign based on a recent State Committee meeting. He states that he did not see any yellow sheets of paper in Bill's hands at any time. Jim B. says that Bill did open up his attache case during the meeting and took out some material from it. He recalls Bill having a steno pad and thinks, altho he can't be sure, that Bill also had with him a pad of yellow legal size lined paper.

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5. The meeting ended about 11:30 P.M. and they all sat around to have coffee and engaged in informal talk. Dave and Bill left Jim's house around 12:30 that night, got into Dave's car and drove to the place where Bill had parked his car. At no time was Dave aware that his car was being tailed. Dave is under the impression that Bill had in his hands some newspapers, perhaps some other papers, and his attache case.

At no time while Bill was in the car did Dave see a yellow sheet in Bill's possession. As far as he recalls, Dave did not see Bill open up his attache case nor go through his pockets to take out any papers. The place where Dave left Bill off was pretty dark but not completely dark since there were some street lights in the vicinity. When they parted, Dave saw nothing unusual in the area or when he parked his car a few minutes later on the street near his home. Nor did he see any yellow legal size sheet in the car as he left his car and went home.

6. The next day, Thursday, June 25, at about 7:55 A.M., Dave and his wife, Evelyn, got into Dave's car and he drove her to work in New Hyde Park, a drive of about 5 minutes from their home.

Dave's car is a 2-door Impala. The sequence of events that morning was as follows: Dave opened the car door near the driver's seat and entered. He then stretched over to open from the inside the other door to admit his wife. At no time did he nor his wife see a yellow sheet of paper on the seat or elsewhere though the seat area is kept free of papers and other things. They drove off to Evelyn's place of work, arriving there about 8 A.M. At no time, either when they went to their car, while driving to her place of work, or when Dave left Evelyn and drove to his place of work, did they see anything unusual or were aware of any tailing.

7. When Dave arrived by car at the place where Evelyn works and she got up to leave the car, for the first time Dave noticed a yellow legal size sheet folded in half, lying on the car seat next to him which Evelyn had sat. Dave asked Evelyn if this sheet were hers and she replied in the negative. He opened the folded sheet noticed that it was addressed to a "Joe" and signed at the bottom by a "Bill." He read none of the contents of this letter at that time. According to Dave it appeared that this letter must have been written by and was perhaps addressed to Joe Brandt. Dave folded up the letter, put it in his wallet, and drove off to work.

The letter was written on a yellow legal size sheet, 8 by 13 inches. When folded in half, it was about 6 by 8 inches, a fairly large object which together with its yellow color would make it quite noticeable.

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8. From the events recited thus far, the opportunities for noticing this letter by Dave after Bill had left his car would have been: first, after Bill got up from his seat in Dave's car to leave (though it was fairly dark then); secondly, when Dave drove the car home that night and parked it near his home; thirdly, when Dave and Evelyn entered the car the next morning and in broad daylight and everything was clearly visible. Yet, when asked how to explain his failure to notice the letter on any of these occasions, Dave had no explanation. Neither did Evelyn have one in relation to her entering the car and sitting down on the letter itself.

In carefully examining the letter it was noticeable to two members of the investigating committee that there were no crease marks on it of the type one would expect had somebody sat on it.

9. On the day the letter was discovered, Dave first read its contents after returning from work and finishing his supper. He found it disturbing. He asked his wife to go for a walk and in the course of this showed her the letter to read. She too was disturbed by what she read. They both concluded that the letter sounded like the report of an informer.

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10. That evening, Dave sought to get in touch with Bob Thompson. There was some difficulty in getting in touch with Bob. Finally he was able to see Bob on the evening of Sunday, June 28, show Bob the letter and explain the circumstances surrounding it.

11. On a second occasion when Bob saw Dave, about 8 or 9 days after Dave had found the letter, Bob took a good look at Dave's car. Bob noticed that the rubber casing on the inside of the vent window door was in one place bent and out of shape and that there were some scratch marks on both the inside and outside of the metal frame on which the vent door rests. These markings are of the type to be expected if someone had made an effort to slip a metal object under the vent door, slipping it between the vent window and the rubber casing, with the purpose of lifting up the door handle by the driver's seat and opening the car door from the inside.

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Dave told a member of the investigating committee who had also had an opportunity to examine Dave's car the following account: Dave had been on vacation with his wife up in New England, returning to Washington the day before the County Board meeting at which Bill was attended. While on vacation, he had trouble with the door by the driver's seat. It had sprung open and required repair. This repair was made while on vacation. Dave is certain that he had never seen anything unusual about the rubber casing on the vent window nor any markings or scratches on the metal frame under the vent window before the time he returned home from his vacation. He feels that had they existed before his return from his vacation he would have had occasions to notice them. He first noticed that the rubber casing in one place was bent and out of shape a few days before Bob called it to his attention, that is, between the time of the discovery of the letter and the meeting between Bob and Dave the first time. At the time he attached no special significance to the condition of the rubber casing, thinking it was just another one of the many problems he had had with the car door for sometime. He did not notice before it was called to his attention the scratches and marks on the metal frame.

From the above facts, it would appear that Dave first had noticed the condition of the rubber casing in the period from June 23 (day he returned from vacation) to July 2 or 3 (day when Bob called his attention to it). This, of course, is the period in which the letter was found.

12. When Bob first met Dave on the letter, Bob's impression was that Dave appeared calm and presented his story without any outward signs of nervousness. There appeared to be no discrepancies in his remarks. The same impression was gained by the member of the investigating committee who first interviewed Dave on August 11. In a seond interview by this same member, Dave at one point appeared irritable, stating that he coudn't understand why all of the questioning him about his own background and the circumstances around the finding of the letter since he understood that it was clearly determined that the letter had been in Bill's handwriting.

13. In considering all the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the letter, one should take into consideration the markings on the car noted before. Was this connected with an effort to open the car door and plant a letter on the car seat?

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II--The Authenticity of the Letter and Questions Relating to Handwriting

1. The question of the letter's authenticity is decisive. It is at the heart of the accusation that Bill is an informer.

2. Some 4 different handwriting experts have separately and individually had occasion to examine the letter and compare it with specimens of Bill's handwriting based on a number of notes, reports and communications written by Bill in the past. Each of them have confirmed that the author of the letter and Bill's specimens of handwriting are the same. According to their analysis Bill had written the letter beyond a question of doubt.

3. The natural question that arises is how much reliance can be put in the testimony of handwriting experts. Is handwriting analysis a science and is th e testimony of handwriting experts conclusive and foolproof? Is it conceivable that an expert forger can deceive handwriting experts?

J. Newton Baker, LL.M., J.D., of the Washington, D.C. Bar, consultative expert in disputed documents, in his work on "Law of Disputed and Forged Documents", published in 1955, writes:

> "Expert testimony is admitted by the courts in every instance where the knowledge and assistance are needed so that the judge and jury can clearly determine the actual facts under investigation from the comparison of handwriting...
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> "Whenever a question of science is involved, courts of high authority have adhered strongly . . . to the principle of permitting an expert to give his reasons based upon deductions through science or skill. And where a question depends on the evidence of handwriting skill or knowledge that may be valuable, the reaons of an expert establish a new fact, relation, or connection which otherwide would remain completely omitted."

Mr. Baker considers the following statement of Judge Edward Twistleton as constituting the scientific basic principles of handwriting comparison of handwriting":

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"To prove that two documents were written by the same hand, coincidences must be shown to exist in them which cannot be accidental. To prove that two documents were written by different hands, discrepancies must be pointed out in them which cannot be accounted for by accident or disguise . . ."

Robert Saudek, Ph.D., in his book entitled "Anonymous Letters", first published in England in 1933, notes the following:

". . . where 'local forgeries' are concerned our science is at least as far advanced as any scientific disciplime whose representatives are called upon as expert witnesses in the courts."

"On the other hand, we have to admit that, where a whole lengthy text or main parts of written documents are concerned, the experts have to rely on a number of circumstantial evidences only; and that accordingly they can claim the correctness of their judgment only with that degree of probability which is supported by the weight and the frequency of such evidence.

"In the present state of our science, there are two main difficulties:

"(1) that we have no definite standards by which to establish whether a disputed writing which shows great similarity to a genuine writing, but is lacking in fluency and rhythm, is to be regarded as a skilful freehand copy, or as a genuine writing produced under some incidental acute handicaps.

"(2) That there are, though very rare, cases of forgers whose skill is greater than that of the experts. They may produce a number of writings of quite different styles, each of which is consistantly carried out in all its details.

"A skilful forger with scientific training stands a good chance of beating the expert on these two points."

4. From the above quotations, the following conclusions can be arrived at:

(1) The principles of handwriting are considered to be a science.

(2) Evidence presented in courts by handwriting experts is of the highest order and rank.

(3) Despite the science of handwriting and handwriting experts, they are not infallible. A very skilful forger can in some instances fool the experts and peddle off a forgery as the authentic document. It should be noted that forged documents is one one of the means employed by the intelligence apparatuses of governments and have often

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proven successful despite all means employed to uncover forgeries.

5. While the evidence of the handwriting experts led them to the unanimous conclusion that Bill is the author of the letter, it cannot be ruled out as a possibility that this document could be a forgery. The latter possibility should be kept in mind since the FBI and other government intelligence agencies have at their possession the means by which skilled forgeries can be produced.

6. In weighing all the evidence bearing on the authenticity of the letter it is necessary to study the letter's contents as well. Below are some observations on this:

(1) The letter is signed "Bill". Would an informer in a report be apt to sign his real name? A distinguished civil liberties lawyer, when asked about such a possibility, noted that though he has seen many reports made by informers he has never seen one in which the informer signed his real name.

(2) The letter has no date on it. Would not a letter containing an informer's report be dated?

(3) The letter starts out by undertaking to "clear up your questions" and points out that its author is "sorry my report was not clear". However, the only thing referred to as "not clear" was the listing of names of individuals and their assignments of responsibility for special areas. Would such an intelligent person as Bill have failed to give such simple information in a prior report as to warrant a statement that he was "not clear"?

From the letters contents it would appear that it was written on Wed., June 24. The letter states: "Have to go to Byalins area tonight."

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III--The Confrontation With Bill

1. The day after Dave saw Bob, that is, on Monday, June 29, Bill came to the office about 12 noon. This is about 2½ to 3 hours later than his usual reporting time. He indicated no special explanation for his lateness.

2. The following day, Bill did not come to the office. He was making plans to see his son off for camp.

3. On that day (Tues., June 30) Bill was phoned and an arrangement was made for him to be visited at his home. A committee of three (Bob, J.T., and A.J.) went out to see Bill. When Bill saw the three, he remarked: "This looks ominous." Bob is not sure if this was said in jest or was serious.

4. Bill was asked to step outside for a walk. Once outside, the committee confronted him for the first time with the letter, showing him a photostat of the original. It took Bill a long time to read its contents.

When asked how he explains the letter, Bill said he couldn't. He pointed to some words which he admitted looked like his handwriting while taking issue with some others. He denied that he had written this letter. Several times Bill asked how the letter was gotten. Throughout this discussion Bill acted cool and calm. He showed no emotion or indignation despite the implied meaning of the letter.

5. The committee returned to Bill's house and arranged to speak to Bill's wife, Lil, (Mrs. William J. Albertson Nat) on the outside. Bill was not present while they spoke to Lil. He took his son to the beach to watch the fireworks.

When shown the photostat Lil expressed disbelief that Bill was the author of the letter. She showed no particular indignation. She commented that she "wasn't born yesterday. Anything can happen, but I don't believe it is so."

Lil spoke of how meager was their financial means when asked if there was anything unusual about their financial situation. She related how she once spoke to Sylvia Thompson on the phone a few years back, how she complained to her of their financial difficulties and remarked that she could use $400 or $500. The next day, according to Lil, she was approached by 2 FBI agents who stated they would GIVE Bill and Lil $500 a month if Bill would cooperate with them. They said Bill would not have to appear as a witness anywhere.

It should be noted that Bob had never been told by Bill about this FBI approach, nor was anyone else in the leadership been told.

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6. When the committee returned to the house, Bill who had already returned with his son asked to talk with the committee again.

Once outside, Bill took up with the committee some matters pertaining to Party work. He had nothing to say about the letter. He was asked by the committee if he had anything new to say on the letter, to which he said no.

7. On Friday or Saturday of that week Lil called Sylvia and saidshe would like to see Bob. Bob and J.T. went to Lil's. Lil xxxd asked them how long this would go on because of the problems of making a living. On this occasion Bill again inquired how the letter came into the Party's possession.

8. The next Monday Bill met with a committee consisting of Bob, J.T., W.P., J.J., in Manhattan. Bill again denied the letter was written by him. He expressed the thought that it was an effort to frame him and hurt the Party.

On this occasion, Bill signed over his ownership papers for the car. His hands trembled as he did this.

9. It was a serious blunder that at no time was Bill asked why he never told the Party leadership about the FBI approach.

II--Bill's Background

1. Bill is an old timer, having been in the YCL and Party over many years.

He has held leading posts in the Party in New York before 1947 and after his return to New York in 1954. He has held top posts in both Pittsburgh and in Detroit.

Bill had been active in the food union from 1934 to 1941, including a full-time union post.

He held a leading post in the CRC after 1954.

He had held national assignments in the Party and been on a number of important national Party commissions.

2. Bill has been married three times-- to Martha Stone, to Francine for 20 years, and to his present wife, Lil.

3. Bill has a long record of promiscuousness going over many years and covering the three districts he has operated in-- New York, Pittsburgh and Michigan.

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In an interview with Bill in 1956 he admitted to having relations with some 20 women in New York, 2 in Pittsburgh and 2 in Detroit, all in the period since he was married. He stated on that occasion that his "infidelity was not an uncommon thing."

According to Francine, when Bill was 19 years of age and attended a progressive camp in Pennsylvania he was accused of attempting to rape a 13-year-old girl. Bill denied this at the time, saying he just tried to kiss her.

The elder son of Bill and Francine, ~~Eric~~ Peter Albertson, says that at the time of the break-up of Bill's marriage to Francine Bill told him that he had had relations with about 100 women over the years. U.S.

The Cattonars write that Francine told them years ago of an incident where Bill attempted to rape a Negro woman who was doing domestic work for them. When asked about this recently Francine says that Bill had relations with this domestic worker but that he made no attempt at rape.

Steve Nelson tells of a case where Bill visited Cannonsburg and attempted to induce the than Party organizer, a newly-wed young woman, to have relations with him. As a result of this experience she dropped out of the Party and disappeared. Steve learned what happened years later when he met her mother in New York.

Among those that Bill had affairs with, ~~her~~ are some suspicious characters.

When Bill was interviewed in 1956 he admitted that he had lied in 1950, at the time he was verified by the Michigan district and said that he had no record of infidelity in the previous 10

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years. Based on the facts that have come to our attention since the 1956 interview with Bill it is evident that he still was lying since he had a number of more affairs in Pittsburgh and elsewhere than what he admitted to.

4. It appears that Bill had on several occasions stolen Party funds. From several sources we gather that Bill liked to splurge at times on fancy foods, drinks and in other ways. In any case, his constant efforts at engaging in promiscuous activities must have cost him considerable money for hotels and entertainment. The following are some of the specific things brought out in the course of this investigation:

(1) Steve Nelson mentioned that though things were financially tough in Pittsburgh and Party leaders lived very frugally, nevertheless Bill and Francine were able to have all kinds of costly delicacies in their home. Dave Grant mentioned something similar back in 1956 when discussing Bill and the period he was in Pittsburgh.

(2) The Cattonars write about the time (1942) when they lived with Bill and Francine: "We occasionally ate together, and I must say we never ate so well in our lives as with the Albertsons ! However, they seemed to be in constant need of more funds . . ."

(3) Francine claims Bill had expensive personal tastes. He would occasionally frequent expensive restaurants, go to barber shops and indulge in expensive "extras" besides the haircut, etc.

(4) Francine claims that Bill once borrowed $2,000 from a Pittsburgh youth, telling this youth that he needed the funds to move the family from Pittsburgh to Detroit. According to Francine, this was not true since the Party had provided Bill with funds for this purpose. She says the real purpose of this loan was to cover up his theft of Party funds. She says that Bill never told her of this so-called loan but that she learned of this later. When she confronted him about these funds he try to explain it away by listing all kinds of expenses beyond the funds supplied him by the Party for moving. She denied most of these.

When asked about this incident in 1956, Bill claimed he borrowed $500 from this Pittsburgh youth, that it was for personal needs and not for purposes of moving to Detroit. When spoken to he acknowledged that he had not paid back any of the money on this loan.

Steve Nelson recalls a loan made by Bill from this youth but thought this was for national Party defense campaign.

(5) Francine charges that Bill admitted to her that he had taken $2,000 of Michigan Party funds, claiming that he had "overdrawn" his personal funds. Their son Eric confirms this, saying that Bill admitted taking these funds

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(6) Francine claims that in 1941 Bill brought home a very expensive fur coat valued at perhaps $2,000, as a gift for her. She asked him where he got this coat and he told her this story: Bill was in the food union and in the course of his work there had had occasion to have had dealings with Tom Dewey who at the time was looking into the gangster "Dutch" Schultz. Bill picked up a tip that a certain fur manufacturer was being milked by Schultz. Bill went to see this manufacturer and told him he need not pay Schultz off since he knew that Schultz was about to be picked up by Dewey's office. The manufacturer was so happy at the news since this would save him thousands of dollars. He offered Bill a big sum of money but Bill was supposed to have turned this down. So he gave Bill the fur coat as a gift for his wife. Francine states that she refused to take the coat so Bill took it away.

(7) Francine tells of a union election campaign in which the opposition issued a leaflet accusing Bill of stealing funds. One of the leaders of this opposition group is a leader in this union today (David Siegel). Apparently nothing came of this accusation.

(8) There is the story of a Mass. youth who claims to have given Bill $600 at Bill's request. This was supposed to be for Party work. Having heard of Bill's expulsion, he is now concerned whether this money may not have been misused for Bill's personal use. This story requires further looking into to get the true picture.

5. There are several incidents reported that would tend to show that Bill exhibited cowardice. According to Francine before Bill's arrest the Michigan leadership made arrangements for Bill to return to an unavailable status. This involved an effort to break out from the surveillance surrounding him. Francine claims that Bill broke down, was hysterical and cried in their home. [redacted] When the time came for breaking out of surveillance, arrangements seemed to get fouled up and it never materialized. Francine is inclined to think that this failure was deliberate on Bill's part.

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Francine mentioned that at the time of Bill's arrest in 1951 he shook like a leaf. He seemed completely bewildered and didn't know what to do or how to act. Their son, Eric, made the same observation, saying he was amazed at Bill's behavior.

6. The following features in Bill's Party activites should be noted:

(1) Pittsburgh--As District Org. Secretary, Bill was engaged in a struggle against the district leadership, especially against Steve Nelson. Discussions with Steve, Andy Onda and Dave Grant brought out that

- Bill was accused of factionalism, of careerism, of petty-bourgeoise individualism, of burocracy, and of opposition to collective methods of work.

- Bill was charged with pursuing a policy of undermining Steve's leadership and of turning some of the youth against the Party leadership.

- At a meeting of the Pittsburgh leadership a resolution was adopted sharply criticizing Bill. A copy of this was sent to the national office. Bill did not in reality accept the judgment of this resolution although he did give some glib words of agreement. He was to draw up a self-critical statement which he never did.

(2) Michigan--Bill went to Michigan in May, 1950 as assistant to Carl Winters, then became acting ~~org. secretary~~ when Carl was imprisoned. He remained in the district for 3 years.

Bill was removed from his post for the following reasons:

- Failure to join with Party leadership against factional struggle being carried on by Francine against the Party leadership.

- Failure to discuss with district leadership serious family situation involving Bill and Francine, reflecting a lack of confidence in the Party leadership.

- Moral irresponsibility.

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Bill was to draw up a self-critical statement. His first effort was considered very shallow and he was asked to draw up another statement. This he never did. When asked in 1956 why he failed to do this, he said he "considered it a most depressing situation" and that he "wanted to get away from his past."

(3) New York-- In his capacity as state org. secretary, Bill was associated with the following questionable incidents:

- Cyril Phillips Campaign--In this election campaign Phillips became convinced that Bill, who was in charge of over-all electoral activities, surrounded ~~himself~~ Phillips with people working with the police. He told Patterson and Ben Davis of his suspicions at that time.

  These people included: Will Sherveton (campaign mgr), Jack Finn, Ruth Daniels, Lillian, and Albert Jackson. The last named person has since been revealed as a stoolie.

  One of the first acts that made Phillips suspicious concerned a meeting organized to protest the murder of a Puerto Rican. The person selected for chairman at the meeting was a police inspector living in the area.

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  A second suspicious incident concerned the messing up of the signature sheets. Wrong addresses were attached to names of those signing the petitions. Dozens of such errors were made. Phillips feels this was deliberately done.

  Another suspicious incident occurred before the judge conducting the hearing into the signature's validity. When asked where he worked, Shervington said he worked for a private contractor. The judge insisted on more information whereupon Shervington showed the judge a card and the judge changed his line of questions.

  Phillips told Bill he suspected that the campaign committee was made up of police agents and that he did not like what was going on. Bill threatened to call him before a leading Party committee.

- Bill had once approached the Lower East Side club chairmen and asked for names of members in their clubs. He said this was needed for assignments to certain mass organizations. A number of members protested this procedure of turning over names.

- Bill once assigned a youth to an East Side club who had once been associated with Ramon's leftist group. Bill had apparently recruited this fellow. At a Section Convention this person was seen putting ballots in his pocket. When asked for an explanation, this youth said he was going to hold the ballots for safekeeping. Bill was told of this but nothing happened. Subsequently, at a club meeting, this youth volunteered to finance and draw up a leaflet for neighborhood distribution. The leaflet turned out to be very leftist. Shortly afterwards he was transferred out to Brooklyn. NY

- In 1959, a youth by the name of Bill Turner was transferred by Bill into the Nassay Party organization. At the state convention Turner was seen taking extensive notes. This was called to Bill's attention. At a hearing held later it was claimed that Bill diverted it away away from the possibilities that this person might be a stoolie. Instead, he accused Turner of carrying on factionalism against Bill himself.

- Ruth Daniels who is referred to by Cyril Phillips came into the Party in the past few years under what appears suspicious circumstances. Since than she is seems to be everywhere at meetings, is on the Worker committee in Manhattan. Apparently no one knows much of her background, her relatives or friends. She is a hospital worker.

- The present person who heads up the New York Worker activities was recruited back into the Party in the past few years by Bill. He had been in the Party organization in food and dropped out around 1953. Despite efforts by some members of that industry to bring him back to the Party they were unsuccessful. He appears to be quite leftist. In th union

he has pursued a narrow, sectarian anti-leadership policy, once even joining in the picketing of the union headquarters. Bill was instrumental it appears in having him made the Worker head.

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7. We are not in a position to fully evaluate everything mentioned about Bill. Undoubtedly a number of the statements of Francine are colored by her personal relations with Bill and therefore might be exaggerated. A number of the incidents in the New York district must be further explored before arriving at any final judgment. However, from all the information indicated in this report the basic outlines of Bill's character and activities become clear.

Bill was supposed to have written a letter at the time he was in Detroit in which he promised to tell all about his promiscuousness and his theft of Party funds. This letter was presented to Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Exactly what the letter did say we do not know. Francine says that Elizabeth told her that Foster would call Bill in. She doesn't know if this was ever done. Francine doesn't believe that Elizabeth took the letter serious enough.

V--Background of Dave

1. Dave joined Party while going to Harvard. He headed up the ASU there. Later he was in charge of student work for the Mass. district YCL. He served as a U.E. organizer for 1 year. Then he became Mass. District Org. Secretary of the Party during the war.

2. After the break-up of his marriage to a Party member he requested to leave the district. He came to New York where he worked with Bob Minor on some research work in connection with Party defense. From there he went to Pittsburgh to teach in a Party school.

3. In 1947 he was sent to Virginia where he became district organizer, replacing Alice Burke who was about to have a child.

4. He met his present wife, [redacted] in Virginia and they married there. At the time, [redacted] was going to college. She has been married twice--the first time to the actor Howard da Silva, the second time in San Francisco to Lou Mintz (since deceased). She became active in Friends of the Soviet Union and Friends of Lincoln Brigade, touring throughout the country on behalf of the latter organization. She joined the Party in San Francisco in 1936.

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5. Dave was released as Virginia District Organizer in 1951. This was due to two facts: (1) His brother held a high post in the State Department, in the U.S.I.S.; and (2) [redacted] brother was a ~~police official~~ policeman in New York. Dave claims that these facts were stated in the biography he wrote out for the Party and that Betty Gannett was aware of this.

At the time there was concern in the Party over the revelation of Philbrick as an FBI informer. Dave was called before a Party security committee and questioned about his relations with Philbrick. Recently when asked about this, two Party leaders in Mass. confirmed the fact that there was no cause for any suspicion on that account.

Another matter that was discussed with Dave by the security committee was the accusation of male chauvinism in relation to the period when he was in Mass.

6. Jim Jackson (US) pointed out that Dave was criticized while Virginia district organizer by the southern regional leadership because of the contents of leaflets that he issued. It was claimed that these were narrow, sometimes provocative, somewhat scholastic, tending to swing from right to left. When asked about this recently, Dave denies any such criticism. So does his wife, [redacted] Alice Burke and Mary Kolb, the latter a long-time leading person in Virginia, state they have no recollection of such criticism.

7. Dave states that he has seen his brother perhaps three times since he entered Harvard and these were in connection with his visits to his parents. He maintains he has not corresponded with him nor received any funds from him. As far as Dave knows, his brother faced no special problems arising from Dave's Party affiliations. This despite the McCarthy era, the witchhunts, etc. His brother continues to this day in his high post. The last time Dave saw his brother was about five years ago.

8. [redacted] brother has continued in the police force and is at present a lieutenant. She states that he was in the Party for a brief time in the '30s and that his wife was once in the YCL. Her brother had been questioned about his sister years ago but apparently nothing happened. [redacted] sees her brother quite often since he visits regularly their mother who lives near [redacted] and is mentally quite ill.

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9. After his removal as district organizer in 1951, Dave remained in Virginia. He learned his present trade while there. He finally left Virginia in 1957 when he came to New York.

10. Dave held the post of Nassau County chairman of the Party for a few months but asked and was released from this due to objections by [redacted] who complained that he was away on Party activities too much. He continues to be a member of the County committee.

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VI--Conclusions and Proposals

1. The evidence that Bill is an informer is based on the discovery of the letter and the unanimous judgment of a number of handwriting experts that the writer of this letter the writer of specimens of Bill's handwritings is the same person.

2. At the same time, it can not be ruled out that the letter is not authentic, that there is the possibility that it is a skilful forgery. These doubts are based on: (1) the ability of the FBI and other government intelligence agencies to concoct skilful forgeries when it suits their purpose, forgeries capable of deceiving even handwriting experts; (2) a number of suspicious circumstances surrounding the discovery of the letter; and (3) some questions that arise from an examination of the contents of the letter.

3. While the investigating committee is not in a position to track down and establish the veracity of everthing mentioned by those interviewed, nevertheless all that we heard and learned about Bill's background in New York, Pittsburgh and Detroit over a number of years reveals: (1) widespread promiscuousness and degeneracy; (2) theft of Party funds and personal corruption; and (3) certain indications of possible cowardice.

4. His record in Party leading posts shows a number of examples of factionalism, careerism and unprincipleness. In a number of instances, individuals who he placed in responsible posts as well his methods of work were of a questionable character.

5. The most serious lesson derived from Bill's case is the lack of vigilance and indifference exhibited in our Party, especially by leading members, in face of facts that were known at least in part about Bill's personal life and Party activities. These were either totally ignored or belittled down the years. This is the reason that, despite his shady record in one district after another, he continued to be given leading responsibilities and was included on leading Party committees.

That this situation should arise reflects both a weakening of Party vigilance in the aftermath of the bitter inner-Party struggles since 1956 and a weakening of such cardinal principles of Party organization as criticism and self-criticism and the verification and proper selection of cadres. Not alone should Bill not have been in the Party leadership but he should have been expelled from the Party ranks years ago. (U)

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6. Our report shows a number of matters involving Dave. These concern: (1) the fact that his brother holds an high government intelligence post and [redacted] brother is a police lieutenant, and (2) a number of things associated with the letter's discovery which raise serious questions. In view of these circumstances it is adviseable that Dave hold no leading Party posts and not be on any leading Party committees.

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7. A permanent system of verification be instituted in connection with all people being considered for leading Party posts or committees--national, state, county and section. Before any person is considered for such responsibilities he or she shall be properly verified as to their personal and Party background.

8. If there be any individuals at present already on leading committees or holding leading responsibilities around whom questions exist, steps must be taken to look into these.

9. It is essential that the New York district set up a special investigating committee to look into some of the questionable situations and individuals referred to in this report.

10. We propose that a leading person, if not a special committee, be placed in charge on a national level and within the districts, for matters associated with Party vigilance and investigation.

11. We recommend that the national and district org. secretaries and committees review the entire system of financial records, of receipts, of audits, of periodic accountings to leading bodies, with a view to vastly improving this situation and to provide added safeguards against misuse of Party funds.

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(U) Details concerning ALBERTSON's expulsion from the Communist Party (CP), United States of America (USA), have been previously furnished to the Bureau by numerous airtels, July through October, 1964. In view of the extremely sensitive nature of this situation, these details are not being reported herein. (C)

The pretext utilized on 11/5/64, to determine ALBERTSON's residence and employment was in the nature of a sympathetic inquiry as to his recent expulsion.

The Special Agents who observed ALBERTSON entering and/or departing 23 West 26th Street, NYC, were: b6 b7C

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Characterization of HENRY WINSTON.

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5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

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7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
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(U) of the extremely sensitive nature of the circumstances surrounding his expulsion from the CP, USA. ~~(C)~~

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) prior to his expulsion from the CP, USA, in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the NY District CP. Further, following his expulsion, ALBERTSON publicly declared he is a loyal Communist.

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Title:
WILLIAM ALBERTSON

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SECURITY MATTER - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT of 1950

Synopsis:

"Memorandum For Petitioner (1) Replying to Respondent's Opposition to Petition For Certiorari and (2) Opposing Respondent's Suggestion That The Cause Is Moot With Regard To Petitioner ALBERTSON", filed 9/14/64, in Supreme Court Case # 265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, vs SACB. ALBERTSON, in July, 1964, expelled from Communist Party (CP), USA, as informer. In statement to press, ALBERTSON declared he still considers himself a loyal Communist. Prior to expulsion, ALBERTSON functioned as Executive Secretary, NY District CP. During period 3/23/64-6/29/64, ALBERTSON attended meetings, NY District CP Committee; Board; School Commission; Food Workers Club and other lesser functions. Participation set forth. In April, 1964, served as instructor, NY School for Marxist Studies. During period 4/13/64-6/22/64, attended meetings, NY District CP Staff and leading CP functionaries. Resides 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York and employed by Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York City.

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A. Status of Prosecution

The records of the United States Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., in case #17492, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, versus, Subversive Activities Control Board, reflect that on April 28, 1964, petitioner filed a motion to stay mandate and transmission of opinion and judgement pending application to the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. The motion states counsel for the petitioner actually has been instructed to prepare a petition for certiorari and such a petition will be filed within the period permitted by law.

On May 11, 1964, the Court issued an order staying transmission of opinion and judgement and directed the Clerk to transmit the record to the United States Supreme Court.

On September 14, 1964, ALBERTSON's attorneys filed a "Memorandum For Petitioner (1) Replying to Respondent's Opposition to Petition For Certiorari and (2) Opposing Respondent's Suggestion That The Cause Is Moot With Regard to Petitioner ALBERTSON". This was filed in United States Supreme Court, case #265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner versus Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB).

B. Expulsion of ALBERTSON from Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA)

The New York District Communist Party (CP) Board met on July 6, 1964, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, to discuss the expulsion of ALBERTSON from the CP.

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ROBERT THOMPSON presented the main report and stated the New York District had received information which reflected ALBERTSON was an informer.

THOMPSON read a press release which would appear in the Midweek edition of "The Worker", on July 7, 1964, denouncing ALBERTSON as an informer and formally expelling him from the Party.

NY T-1
July 7, 1964

ROBERT THOMPSON is District Organizer of the New York CP District.

NY T-1
September 16, 1964

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, midweek edition, issue of July 7, 1964, page eight, contained an article entitled, " NY Communists Denounce ALBERTSON as Informer".

This article reflects the CP of New York State, after a thorough investigation and on the basis of irrefutable evidence, had expelled WILLIAM ALBERTSON as an informer.

The article concluded that in exposing and denouncing ALBERTSON, the CP of New York State has the full and unflinching support of its membership and of all democratic forces who have been confronted with the work of stool pigeons and informers in their own organizations.

"The Worker", issue of July 12, 1964, page ten, contained a reprint of the above statement.

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The "New York Times", issue of July 9, 1964, page ten and the "New York Post", issue of July 9, 1964, page 16, contained articles entitled, "Expelled Red Charges He was Framed by FBI" and "Expelled Red Says the FBI Framed Him", respectively.

These articles reflect WILLIAM ALBERTSON, a high ranking member of the CP, who was expelled for allegedly serving as an undercover police agent, charged he had been framed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Both articles reflect ALBERTSON had stated, "I still consider myself a loyal Communist".

These articles further quote ALBERTSON as having stated he and his wife have "tried to raise our children in the best traditions of the American labor movement. We have given them a hatred for spies, stool pigeons and scabs. I could not look my children in the face if I violated those traditions".

A meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, and invited guests was held July 18-19, 1964, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

At the July 19, 1964, session of this meeting, ROBERT THOMPSON presented a report on the expulsion of ALBERTSON from the CP. He said the Party had very good evidence ALBERTSON was an informer. THOMPSON stated that at meetings of the District Board, the National Board and National Secretariat, these bodies took care to be certain they were not falling into a trap. They gave ALBERTSON the benefit of every

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(U) doubt, but all were unanimous in their decision ALBERTSON was an informer and should be expelled. (C)

NY T-2
July 20, 1964

NY T-3
July 22, 1964

At a meeting of the New York District CP Board, held July 27, 1964, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, it was announced ALBERTSON had appealed his case and therefore, a hearing would be held on the matter.

NY T-1
July 28, 1964

C. Positions Held

Until his expulsion from the CP, USA, ALBERTSON functioned as the Executive Secretary of the New York District CP.

NY T-1
September 16, 1964

D. Meetings Attended

1. New York District CP Committee

ALBERTSON, on April 11, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Committee held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

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ALBERTSON presented the main report on the 1964 elections which was mainly a review of the political situation in New York State and the nation as a whole.

NY T-1
April 14, 1964

Source additionally reported ALBERTSON, at the aforesaid meeting, presented a report in which he stated the coming elections would bring all of the Negro and other minority people into the struggle for civil rights. He said the civil rights struggle should reach a new high this summer and the CP could help very much in this fight.

Concerning the $1.50 mimimum wage, ALBERTSON stated the Spanish speaking and Negro people would unite and fight for better wages. He said the CP could now see big labor was getting into the struggle for civil liberties and the labor leadership would have to move or the new elements would be able to lead the people.

ALBERTSON said the CP was fully aware of the right wing elements and what these elements could do. He said the Parents and Taxpayers Organization in New York City, was growing stronger and the Party would have to expose it as a front for the ultra-right movement.

ALBERTSON stated there was no doubt that President JOHNSON could win the election and civil liberties and the peace issue would play an important part in the election. He said the war on poverty is a very good thing and the CP would not sit back and try to find fault with it, but would try to help it along. He said the CP did not agree with the JOHNSON

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policy in South America and was sure the South American people would demand reforms instead of words.

ALBERTSON stated the CP might run WILLIAM L. PATTERSON in Brooklyn for Congress just to put forth the CP platform; however, this was not definite. He said the CP would endorse all peace and civil rights candidates. ALBERTSON stated the CP leadership was going to discuss the possibility of running someone for President, but right now the CP thinks that in some states, this could give the right wing the edge and swing the election.

NY T-4
April 14, 1964

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON is chairman of the New York District CP.

NY T-1
September 16, 1964

ALBERTSON, on May 16 and June 6, 1964, was in attendance at meetings of the New York District CP Committee, both held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

The former meeting was devoted to trade union matters and the latter meeting centered around the recent primary elections in New York City and the current political activity concerning the Republican Party's choice of a presidential candidate.

NY T-1
May 18 and June 11, 1964

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2. New York District CP Board

On March 23, 1964, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

ALBERTSON gave the main report on the elections, which consisted of a review of the newspaper reports on the political situation, both in New York State and the nation as a whole.

NY T-1
March 26, 1964

ALBERTSON, on March 30, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board, held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

ALBERTSON spoke regarding the press and said there would be a press day on April 26, 1964, on which each county was to send people out to sell copies of "The Worker" and report back the results they had obtained as well as the comments made by the people to whom they attempted to sell the paper. In this way, he said, the Party would know what the people are thinking about regarding the paper. He said the youth should make a special effort on this day to obtain subscribers to the paper.

NY T-1
March 31, 1964

ALBERTSON, on April 27, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York

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City. This meeting was devoted to a report on the civil rights issue.

NY T-1
April 28, 1964

On May 4, 1964, ALBERTSON attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City. This meeting heard a report on civil rights and a report by ALBERTSON on "The Worker" subscription campaign.

NY T-1
May 8, 1964

ALBERTSON, on June 22, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City. This meeting heard a report on the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) Convention and a report by ALBERTSON on "The Worker".

ALBERTSON stated "The Worker" was in dire need of money and needed to increase its circulation. He mentioned that in some areas, subscriptions had increased, while in other areas, such as industry, it had decreased. ALBERTSON stated every county organization needed a press director.

NY T-1
June 25, 1964

ALBERTSON, on June 29, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Board held at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City, which meeting pertained to the peace issue.

NY T-1
July 1, 1964

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3. New York District CP Commission on Schools

ALBERTSON, on May 28, 1964, attended a meeting of the New York District CP Commission on Schools held in New York City. The discussion at this meeting related to what was happening in each borough on the school integration fight.

NY T-5
June 9, 1964

4. Food Workers CP Club

ALBERTSON, on March 26, 1964, attended a meeting of the Food Workers CP Club held at 182 West Fourth Street, New York City.

ALBERTSON reported on the coming elections, mainly stressing the Senatorial campaign in New York. He said the Party was moving everywhere, particularly among trade union forces, to pressure the Democratic Party to nominate a Negro candidate.

ALBERTSON further analyzed a number of districts where Negro or Puerto Rican candidates are running or should run for election. He said the Party should not lose a chance to initiate such candidates and should show the Negro people the CP is still their staunchest supporter.

NY T-6
April 3, 1964

5. Other

ALBERTSON was in attendance at a "Tribute to Attorneys," sponsored by the GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee (HDDC), held on May 27, 1964, at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

NY T-7
June 3, 1964

NY T-8
June 5, 1964

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A characterization of the HDDC is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

ALBERTSON, on June 4, 1964, was in attendance at a rally sponsored by the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties (CCFCL) and held at Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, New York City.

NY T-9
June 11, 1964

NY T-10
June 9, 1964

A characterization of the CCFCL is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

On June 21, 1964, ALBERTSON attended the annual All-Nations picnic sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) at Camp Midvale, New Jersey.

NY T-10
June 30, 1964

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of the Metropolitan Recreation Association, operator of Camp Midvale, is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

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ALBERTSON, on June 25, 1964, attended a meeting at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City, at which HENRY WINSTON spoke on the topic, "The Ideological Differences Between China and the Soviet Union".

NY T-10
June 30, 1964

NY T-11
July 8, 1964

NY T-12
June 26, 1964

(U) At a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, on August 12-13, 1961, HENRY WINSTON was elected a member of that Committee, the National Executive Committee and Vice Chairman of the Party. (C)

NY T-3
August 12-13, 1961

E. Instructor, New York School for Marxist Studies

ALBERTSON, on April 24, 1964, was the instructor at the third session of a class sponsored by the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS), the class entitled, "The Changing Nature of American Politics".

NY T-13
April 28, 1964

A characterization of the NYSMS is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

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F. Miscellaneous ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Source furnished information which reflected

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NY T-14
May 4; June 2;
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A characterization of the Jefferson Book Shop, Incorporated, is contained in the Appendix section of this report.

ALBERTSON was observed at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on April 23, 24; May 6, 27 and June 3, 1964.

NY T-15
April 23, 24;
May 6;
June 2, 5, 1964

ALBERTSON was observed by Special Agents of the FBI entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th Street, New York City, wherein are located the National and New York State offices of the CP, USA; the offices of "The Worker" and the publication, "Political Affairs", on virtually a daily basis during the period March 19, 1964, through June 29, 1964.

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"Political Affairs" is self-described as a theoretical organ of the CP, USA.

Part II

A. Meetings Attended

1. New York District CP Staff

ALBERTSON was in attendance at the following meetings of the New York District CP Staff held at New York District CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City:

Date of Meeting	Nature of Discussion	Source
April 13, 1964	Meeting related to the relationship of the CP to the CCFCL and the present situation in schools and civil rights in general	NY T-16 April 13, 1964
May 11, 1964	Meeting devoted to a report on publications	NY T-16 May 11, 1964
May 25, 1964	Meeting related to youth matters and finances	NY T-16 May 25, 1964
June 9, 1964	Discussion re the nomination of Senator BARRY GOLDWATER	NY T-16 June 9, 1964
June 15, 1964	Discussion re approach to problems in Harlem	NY T-16 June 15, 1964

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2. Leading CP Functionaries

ALBERTSON attended the following meetings of leading CP functionaries held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City:

Date of Meeting	Nature of Discussion	Source
May 21, 1964	Discussion re need for a CP line in Negro work and involvement of CP in civil rights struggle	NY T-17 May 21, 1964
June 3, 1964	Discussion of CP election campaign	NY T-17 June 3, 1964
June 8, 1964	Discussion of political situation and possible nomination of Senator GOLDWATER	NY T-17 June 8, 1964
June 22, 1964	Discussion of status of "The Worker" fund drive. ALBERTSON complained too much pressure being put on New York District	NY T-18 June 22, 1964

B. Miscellaneous

On May 20, 1964, ALBERTSON discussed the purchasing of merchandise at auctions for resale at fairs and bazaars. It was stated there were profit possibilities estimated at about $10,000 to $11,000 through such an undertaking.

NY T-19
May 20, 1964

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Part III

A. Background

1. Residence

Special Agent [redacted], on November 5, 1964, by means of a suitable pretext telephone call, determined ALBERTSON continues to reside at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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2. Employment

By means of the above pretext on November 5, 1964, it was determined ALBERTSON is currently employed by the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York City.

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1. APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties:

"CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (NEW YORK CITY)

"1. 'On the basis of its investigations and hearings to date, the committee concludes that the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and a coordinating and organizing group in support thereof, titled the "Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties," are Communist fronts. Created, dominated, and controlled by members and officials of the Communist Party, the National Assembly for Democratic Rights and the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties were organized as propaganda devices for the conduct of "mass activity" in support of the avowed objective of "reversal or nonapplication" of the Supreme Court decisions of June 5, 1961, which upheld the constitutionality of the registration and disclosure provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as applied to the Communist Party, and the Smith Act membership clause making punishable active and purposive membership in the Communist Party.

'* * * The long-range objective of the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties is to serve as the vehicle for concealed Communist participation in, and direction of, propaganda and agitational activities aimed to nullify the Internal Security and Smith Acts.'

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES (CONT'D)

' * * * Committee investigation disclosed that the Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties was formed on or about June 12, 1961 * * *.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report and Hearings on Manipulation of Public Opinion by Organizations Under Concealed Control of the Communist Party (National Assembly for Democratic Rights and Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties), House Report 1282, Part 1, October 2 and 3, 1961, pp. 137, 143 and 144.)"

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THE GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

A source advised on March 27, 1962, that GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), stated on March 26, 1962, that the Party will form a new committee known as the GUS HALL-BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Defense Committee (H-DDC). The purpose of this committee is to raise $100,000 for the defense of HALL and DAVIS.

GUS HALL
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS

HALL and DAVIS were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D.C., on March 15, 1962, charging them with violations of Sections 786 (h) and 794, Title 50, United States Code, in that they, as General Secretary and National Secretary, CPUSA, respectively, and as members of its National Board, willfully and unlawfully failed to register for and on behalf of the CPUSA with the Attorney General.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of February 16, 1964, page 11, carried an appeal by the H-DDC, Room 1225, 22 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, asking for funds.

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JEFFERSON BOOK SHOP, INCORPORATED

A source provided information in the spring of 1945 which indicated that the Jefferson Book Shop, Incorporated, (JBS) had officially opened on April 1, 1944.

The records of the New York County Supreme Court reflected that on December 3, 1946, papers were filed with the Department of State, State of New York, incorporating the JBS, Incorporated, to sell books and magazines at wholesale and retail among other purposes.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958, and a self-admitted member of the Communist Party (CP) until 1945, advised in March, 1947, that the JBS was one of a number of outlets for Communist Party literature which had been set up by the CP.

A second source advised on February 14, 1961, that at a meeting of the New York District CP Staff held that date, DANIEL RUBEL gave a report on the operation of the JBS. He announced that it had shown a small profit in 1960 and that approximately 35 per cent of the sales was of Marxist - Progressive material. A number of suggestions were advanced by those present to improve the sales of CP literature at the JBS and it was announced that 63 young people, who had come into contact with the party through the JBS, were thinking about joining the party and some were recurits into the party.

A third source advised on February 1, 1961, that on that date HY LUMER, CP, USA Educational Director, referred to DANIEL RUBEL as being in charge of literature distribution of the New York District of the CP, USA.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 20, 1964, lists the JBS as being located at 100 East 16th Street, New York City.

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METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION, FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATURE FRIENDS OF AMERICA, INC., OPERATOR OF CAMP MIDVALE

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Nature Friends of America, Inc., (NFA) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of NFA held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a second source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

On March 26, 1954, a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which on page 1 states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale.

The MRA, as of May 8, 1964, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, a source advised it was announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP, USA), New York District (NYD), Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP, USA, NYD. Adult classes were scheduled to start October 17, 1960.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, October 16, 1960, issue, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York.

The records of Pierce Mayer & Greer, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflect that on August 29, 1960, HERBERT APTHEKER leased Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, for the period starting October 1, 1960. The premises were to be occupied by a "People's School." On July 3, 1962, HERBERT APTHEKER signed a new lease for Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, to start October 1, 1962, which reflects that the premises were to be used as an office for the NYSMS.

During April and May, 1964, a second source furnished information that the NYSMS was then in operation at 853 Broadway, New York, New York.

A third source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10 - 13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The May, 1963, issue of "Political Affairs," self-described as the theoretical organ of the CP, USA, reflects that HERBERT APTHEKER has been replaced as editor of that publication after holding this position for several years.

A characterization of SCOPE is included in the appendix.

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON
PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE)

A source advised on June 16, 1958, that the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) was formed in early 1958, by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held that day in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, stated that in New York there is a group of about twenty-one youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a Student Committee On Progressive Education, which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. THOMPSON stated that approximately eight or ten of this group are CP members.

A third source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUMER, CP, USA Educational Director, stated that in New York most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York, which are either Party groups or pro-Party groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education), and this group stands closest to the CP leadership.

A fourth source made available on March 23, 1961, a mimeographed letter signed by "The SCOPE Committee." This letter sets forth that last fall SCOPE became a part of the newly formed New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) as its autonomous youth division.

The Winter (January 30, 1964 - March 6, 1964) Term 1964 Bulletin of the NYSMS states that SCOPE "believes that knowledge can be achieved and intellectual conformity and apathy avoided only through continual study and discussion. All students are encouraged to participate actively, as the goal of SCOPE is to provide a unique opportunity for the study and discussion of Marxism."

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON
PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (SCOPE)

On May 13, 1964, a fifth source advised that SCOPE continues to share the office space in Room 1922, 853 Broadway, New York City, with the NYSMS.

A characterization of the NYSMS is included in the appendix.

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New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Title William Albertson

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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1. ☐ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

it contains information from informants, NY T-1 through NY T-19, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously hamper the investigation of the CP, USA, thereby being injurious to the defense interests of the United States.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

of the extremely sensitive nature of the circumstances surrounding his expulsion from the CP, USA.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) prior to his expulsion from the CP, USA, in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the NY District CP. Further, following his expulsion, ALBERTSON publicly declared he is a loyal Communist.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: NOV 20 1964

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)

ReWFOlet 8/12/64, advising that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (USCA) entered judgments affirming orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) in the following cases:

No. 17493, MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER v. SACB

No. 17548, ARNOLD SAMUEL JOHNSON v. SACB

No. 17617, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON v. SACB

No. 17618, BETTY GANNETT TORMEY v. SACB

No. 17619, ALBERT JASON LIMA v. SACB

No. 17620, BURT GALE NELSON v. SACB

No. 17621, LOUIS WEINSTOCK v. SACB

No. 17622, DOROTHY HEALEY v. SACB

No. 17816, CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT v. SACB

No. 17817, SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS v. SACB

No. 18381, IRVING POTASH v. SACB

No. 18382, MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN v. SACB

No. 18383, MILDRED MC ADORY EDELMAN v. SACB

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(1 - 100-39) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
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(1 - 61-7508) (ALBERT JASON LIMA)
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No. 18430, JOHN WILLIAM STANFORD, JR., v. SACB

No. 18431, BENJAMIN DOBBS v. SACB

No. 18432, WILLIAM COTTLE TAYLOR v. SACB

No. 18433, FRANCES GABOW v. SACB

No. 18434, AARON LIBSON v. SACB

On 10/30/64, the USCA ordered that the petition for rehearing in the above-entitled cases shall be held in abeyance pending final disposition by the Supreme Court of the U.S. of case No. 17492 ALBERTSON v. SACB and case No. 17623 PROCTOR v. SACB, now pending in the Supreme Court.

In the SAMUEL KUSHNER and FLORA HALL KUSHNER cases in the USCA (Numbers 17916 and 17917) as of 11/9/64, there is no action indicated in the dockets beyond 10/29/63, at which time the USCA granted the motion of the parties to file a stipulation of waiver of production under Title 18, USC Section 3500. The contents of this stipulation are set out in WFOlet 10/30/63, in the ALBERTSON caption, copies of which were provided for Los Angeles.

The ALBERTSON - PROCTOR cases remain pending in WFO to follow Supreme Court. The CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT case in Washington, D. C., is pending for a passport record check. Other cases listed in the WFO copy count are placed in a P* status until the Supreme Court renders its decision in the ALBERTSON - PROCTOR case. These will be followed in the USCA and any pertinent developments will be furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM - C; ISA - 1950

Reurlet 12-9-64.

In view of the sensitive nature of the circumstances surrounding subject's expulsion from the CPUSA and the legal proceedings which are pending against him, it is not felt any attempt through an intermediary or by direct contact should be made to approach Albertson. For your additional information, further counterintelligence operations are being considered in the Albertson case. No further consideration should be given to Albertson and you should concentrate your efforts on other Toplev prospects. (U)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-99) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 12/9/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629) (P*)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - TOPLEV
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WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM - C; ISA - 1950

WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who prior to his expulsion from the Communist Party (CP) in July 1964, and who functioned as Executive Secretary of the New York District CP, has been selected as a person to approach under the Toplev Program.

(U) Due to the extremely sensitive nature of the circumstances surrounding ALBERTSON's expulsion from the CPUSA, as well as the legal proceeding against ALBERTSON which is now on appeal before the U. S. Supreme Court, a most careful review has been given to the ALBERTSON case.

In view of the above, it is felt that JOHN LAUTNER should be contacted to determine if he would be in a position to personally contact ALBERTSON and act as an intermediary to ascertain if ALBERTSON is still a dedicated communist. If Bureau authority is granted to have LAUTNER contact ALBERTSON and LAUTNER agrees to such, the Bureau will be promptly advised of this contact. Following this, recommendation will be made to the Bureau to have ALBERTSON interviewed under the Toplev Program.

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1 - [redacted] (ADM) (JOHN LAUTNER) (46)
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Re WFO letter to Bureau 11/20/64, cc designated for Minneapolis (SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS).

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This letter sent Chicago since it is OO in DAVIS case.

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1 - WFO (100-24310) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/22/65

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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As of 1/18/65, the Supreme Court at Washington, D.C., had not, as yet, acted on the petition for writ of certiorari or on the memorandum suggesting mootness as to ALBERTSON in Case Number 265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioners, v. SACB.

WFO following this matter in the Supreme Court and will advise of pertinent developments.

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(1 - 100-3313) (JACK KLING)
1 - DETROIT (100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (AM RM)
1 - NY 66-6989 (Inv) (41)
1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (42)
1 - NY 100-13472 (GIL GREEN) (42)
1 - NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (42)
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1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (42)
1 - NY 100-56218 (DAVE BENNETT) (47)
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Toward the conclusion of the CPUSA National Board meeting on 2/14/65, held at the Manhattan Hotel, NYC, the question of the termination of the ALBERTSON investigation was raised and it became immediately apparent that a number of the "old time" CP functionaries such as IRVING POTASH, GIL GREEN, WILLIAM WEINSTONE and CARL WINTER were opposed to the termination of the investigation without further inquiries regarding secondary matters. Before there was much discussion of the matter, the meeting was adjourned and later at the home of LENA SCHERER, GUS HALL told CG 5824-S* that the latter would have to assist him in preventing "this ALBERTSON thing from exploding in my face." HALL stated that no matter what would (U) happen, the ALBERTSON appeal would have to be rejected.

According to CG 5824-S*, there was a long discussion of the ALBERTSON matter at the 2/15/65 meeting of the National Board held at the Manhattan Hotel, NYC. It was explained to those present at the meeting that the Soviets were 90 to 95% certain that ALBERTSON had been the author of the letter in question. POTASH, GREEN, WEINSTONE, WINTER and others were sarcastic in their comments with respect to the Soviets, stating that unless the Soviets were 100% certain of the identity of the author of the questioned letter, the CPUSA investigation should not be discontinued. They stated that had the Soviets been aware of the secondary issues in the case - to wit the connection therewith of DAVE BENNETT and possibly others in the Nassau County CP, they would have been hesitant to make the decision which they had regarding the authenticity of the (U) questioned letter.

In view of the antagonism of the above-mentioned CP functionaries to terminating the investigation, it was decided that a committee consisting of CARL WINTER, IRVING POTASH, JAMES TORMEY, IRVING HERMAN and JACK KLING continue an investigation of the secondary issues of the case with respect to the connection therewith of DAVE BENNETT and members of the Nassau County CP. It was further decided that IRVING HERMAN be the chief investigator for the aforesaid committee.

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It was further decided however, and a resolution was passed, that the ALBERTSON appeal be rejected and that on April 1, 1965, the Party would publicly announce the rejection of ALBERTSON's appeal. (U) (C)

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SAC, WFO (100-41555) (P)

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(OO:SF)

Re WFOlet 10/29/64 pertaining to passport record check; re WFOlet 1/22/65 pertaining to status of subject's case in the Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.

Periodic rechecks of the records of the Passport Office, State Department, the most recent of which was made on 2/9/65 by IC [redacted] have failed to reflect a record for the subject as having applied for passport facilities.

WFO following this matter in the Supreme Court; will advise when the Court takes action in No. 265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioners, v. SACB.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Conrad
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - W. D. Griffith
1 - F. J. Baumgardner
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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CG 5824-S* has returned from the Soviet Union with a detailed report on the examination conducted by the Security Branch of the Central Committee, Communist Party of the Soviet Union, of the "informant report" simulated in the handwriting of Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), National Committee member, William Albertson, by the FBI Laboratory. You will recall Albertson, Executive Secretary, New York State Committee CP and member of the National Board, CPUSA, was expelled by the Party last July as a result of our counterintelligence action involving the timely planting of a cleverly worded bogus informant report. The Soviets now have concluded, based on their detailed examination by three experts, that our Laboratory simulated report in Albertson's handwriting, had in fact, been written by Albertson. (U)

This final conclusion by the Soviet experts was not reached without considerable confusion and hedging. They state they cannot prove the document is not a forgery. (They never use the word "proof" but they are 80-90 per cent sure it is not a forgery). Their conclusion is that the handwriting is the same and there are no signs of forgery. They comment that if the document is not genuine it is "a darn good job." (U)

Additional comments by the Soviet experts relating to their comparison of the simulated report with true samples of Albertson's handwriting indicate the dilemma presented to them by the mastery art of our Laboratory Document Section are as follows: (U)

"The original (bogus) document was written easily and naturally. There is no difference in the original and in the known samples of Albertson's handwriting. The spacing between letters and words is the same. The paragraphs are the same and are habitually short. In both cases (Albertson) never finishes a line at the edge of the page. On each line the handwriting begins with an upward curve and ends on a downward curve. The handwriting goes up and down in nearly all lines." (U)

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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The periods at the ends of sentences are uniformly a certain distance from the last words. Graphically, the letters and connections are the same. The way and habit of connecting letters is similar."

(U)

Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA, after receiving this final report, stated he was now going to put the "Albertson affair" to an end and he will give a complete report on this information to the Party Secretariat. Hall stated that as far as he is concerned, the matter is finished.

ACTION: (U)

None. For information. The expert work of the Document Section of the FBI Laboratory has completely hoodwinked the Soviets and and an additional tangible result of this counterintelligence operation is the fact that it has proved the state of document analysis as known to the Soviets is far inferior to that of the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/30/65

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(NY 100-129629)
(WFO 100-24310) (P)
(OO:NY)

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(Bufile 100-282013)
(SF 100-25215)
(WFO 100-41555) (P)
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ReWFOlet, 1/22/65.

Records of the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C., in #265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v. SACB, reflect that as of 3/29/65, the Court had not as yet acted upon the petition for writ of certiorari.

WFO following in Supreme Court; will advise of pertinent developments.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	5/11/65	11/6/64 - 5/4/65

TITLE OF CASE: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ TYPED BY: iak

CHARACTER OF CASE: SM-C; ISA 1950

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted], 11/17/64, at NY.

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~~DATE OF REVIEW~~ 5-11-85
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Inasmuch as this report contains only admissible evidence, it is not being broken down into Part I and Part II.

(U) Inasmuch as the Bureau is aware of the pertinent facts relating to the extremely sensitive nature of ALBERTSON's expulsion from the CP, USA, these details are not being reported herein.

To date, the CP, USA has not issued a public statement on ALBERTSON's expulsion, even though such was to have been done by 4/1/65. NY 2362-S*, on 4/13/65, reported BOB THOMPSON

APPROVED: [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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and GUS HALL briefly discussed this matter, with HALL authorizing THOMPSON to prepare such a statement. Since THOMPSON has since departed the US for Moscow, this statement in all probability with not be issued until he returns.

The pretext utilized on 4/1/65, to determine ALBERTSON's residence was in the nature of an inquiry as to the status of ALBERTSON's appeal. The Special Agent who determined ALBERTSON's employment on 2/8/65, was SA [redacted] b6 b7C

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	File Where Located
NY T-1 CG 5824-S*	[redacted]
NY T-2 [redacted]	100-129629-8024 b7D
NY T-3 [redacted]	100-129629-8054

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow and report ALBERTSON's activities.

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NY 100-129629

1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason)

   it contains information from informants, NY T-1 through NY T-3, the unauthorized disclosure of which would seriously hamper the investigation of the CP, USA, thereby being injurious to the defense interests of the US.

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

   of the extremely sensitive nature of the circumstances surrounding his expulsion from the CP, USA. Further, by letter 12/18/64, the Bureau advised ALBERTSON should not be interviewed. (U) ~~(C)~~

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

   prior to his expulsion from the CP, USA, in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the NY District CP. Further, following his expulsion, ALBERTSON publicly declared he is a loyal Communist.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [X] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

    of his past leadership capacity in the CP, USA, as well as the nature of the circumstances causing his expulsion from the Party.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
May 11, 1965

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bu 65-38100
NY 100-129629

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: William Albertson

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 5/11/65

Field Office File No.: 100-129629 Bureau File No.: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis: ALBERTSON resides at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, and is employed by Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, NYC. The US Supreme Court, in case #265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, vs. SACB, as of 3/29/65, had not acted upon the petition for certiorari. National Board, CP, USA, at meeting 2/13-15/65, decided to issue public statement by 4/1/65, rejecting ALBERTSON's appeal of expulsion from the Party. ALBERTSON, as of October, 1964, covered under group policy of CP, NY State, and is current subscriber to "The Worker" and "Midweek Worker."

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A. BACKGROUND

1. Residence

By means of a suitable pretext telephone call on April 1, 1965, SA [redacted] determined ALBERTSON continues to reside at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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2. Employment

ALBERTSON, on February 8, 1965, was observed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) working behind the counter at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York City.

B. STATUS OF PROSECUTION

The records of the United States Supreme Court, case number 265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Petitioner, versus Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), reflect that as of March 29, 1965, the Court had not, as yet, acted upon the petition for writ of certiorari.

C. STATUS OF APPEAL RE EXPULSION FROM COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CP,USA)

The National Board, CP, USA, and invited guests, met February 13-15, 1965, at the Hotel Manhattan, 45th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.

At the February 15, 1965 session, it was decided all loose ends in the ALBERTSON case would be tied together and by April 1, 1965, a public statement would be issued to the effect ALBERTSON's appeal of his expulsion had been rejected. (U) ~~(C)~~

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February 23, 1965

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October 5, 1964

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The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. The person to be subpoenaed is

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Source furnished information which reflected ALBERTSON is a current subscriber to both "The Worker" and the "Midweek Worker."

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March 2, 8, 1965

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 11, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title William Albertson

Character Security Matter - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

1 - Mr. Ryan

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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ReNYairtel 3/4/65 recommending counterintelligence action to capitalize upon the expulsion of William Albertson from the Communist Party, USA, and the rejection of his appeal for readmission.

The Bureau has afforded careful consideration to your recommendation and, although the imaginative technique you have proposed has merit, it has been decided at the present time no further counterintelligence action should be initiated in this instance. (S)(U) See FOIPA COINTELRelease

You should carefully follow this matter and the Bureau should be advised of any statements, comments or actions by Party officials relating to Albertson. It is possible the Bureau will initiate the follow-up action you have recommended in the future if circumstances warrant.

Your interest is appreciated.

1 - New York (100-129629)

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NOTE:

Albertson, former Executive Secretary, New York District Communist Party, was expelled from the Party in July, 1964, as a result of our counterintelligence action. The party, early this year, rejected Albertson's appeal for reinstatement. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, who effected the expulsion, is afraid the incident will "explode in his face," as many Party leaders have indicated antagonism towards Hall's handling of the expulsion. New York recommended follow-up action to keep the expulsion discussion alive as Hall desires to make Albertson an "unman." Although the New York recommendation has merit it has been decided we should delay any additional action until we further determine the Party's reaction. We will reconsider New York's recommendation in the future. (S)

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From: Director, FBI (65-38100) (100-282013)

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurairtel 5/17/65, advising that the United States Supreme Court had granted certiorari in the case entitled "William Albertson and Roscoe Quincy Proctor vs. Subversive Activities Control Board."

According to newspaper accounts of action taken by the Supreme Court on 5/17/65, the Court also granted the Government's motion to eliminate Albertson from the case on the grounds that he had been expelled from the Communist Party in July, 1964.

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ReWFOlet to Bureau dated 3/30/65.

The United States Supreme Court (USSC), in an Order List handed down 5/17/65, granted petition of writ of certiorari in the case entitled " WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR vs. Subversive Activities Control Board", case number 265 Appellate. The Court Order disclosed Mr. JUSTICE WHITE took no part in the consideration or decision of this petition.

WILLIAM ALLISON, Assistant Clerk, USSC, advised instant case will not be scheduled for argument until the next term of Court which convenes in October, 1965.

WFO will continue to follow this matter in the USSC.

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Supreme Court docket in case #265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v. SACB, checked on 5/19/65 by SA RALPH C. VOGEL, show that certiorari was granted on 5/17/65; there was no information contained therein to indicate that ALBERTSON was eliminated from the case.

"The Washington Post's"account of the case in its 5/18/65 issue was in error as an article in that paper on 5/19/65, Page A-4 stated: "Correction. The Supreme Court's action Monday agreeing to review the Communist-registration provision of the Subversive Activities Control

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Act was in a case involving both ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR and WILLIAM ALBERTSON. "The Washington Post" regrets that it reported erroneously yesterday that the Court had granted a request by the Justice Department to eliminate ALBERTSON, 55, of Brooklyn, N.Y. from the case."

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 5/17/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
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This morning, the United States Supreme Court agreed to review the April 23, 1964, decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals which upheld the registration orders issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board against William Albertson and Roscoe Quincy Proctor. These orders called for Albertson and Proctor to register with the Attorney General as members of the Communist Party, USA, as provided by Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The petition by counsel for the Communist Party requesting the Supreme Court to review the Court of Appeals' decision, was filed on July 13, 1964. By prior stipulation, Government attorneys and counsel for the Party had agreed to utilize the Albertson and Proctor cases for purposes of appeal and had further agreed that the final decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases will apply to all other cases in which Communist Party membership registration orders have been issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board. At the present time, 35 additional registration orders have been issued by the Board and 7 other cases are under consideration following hearings before the Board. Thus, the final decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases will apply to 42 other cases as well as to any additional cases which may be brought before the Board prior to the final decision by the Supreme Court.

The Court set oral argument for the Fall of 1965, which means a final decision cannot be anticipated until sometime during the 1966 term of Court. The Court's order did not

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mention the motion filed by the Government on August 29, 1964, that the Albertson case be declared moot in view of Albertson's expulsion from the Communist Party in July, 1964, as "a police agent." You will recall that Albertson's expulsion from the Communist Party was the direct result of a counterintelligence operation involving the "planting" of an informant report allegedly prepared by Albertson. It appears, from the fact that the Court ignored the Government's motion, that oral argument will be heard in the Albertson case as well as in the Proctor case.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The fact that the Supreme Court has agreed to review the Communist Party Membership Registration Section of the Internal Security Act of 1950 is an indication that the Court apparently desires to consider at this time the various constitutional issues raised by counsel for Albertson and Proctor, primarily the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Otherwise, the Court could have denied the petition for review and waited to consider the constitutional issues until the Government initiated proceedings in the United States District Court for failure to obey the Board's order. Such a violation carries a five-year prison sentence and thus raises a much more serious constitutional issue than the registration order issued by the Board which is purely administrative. You will recall that the Supreme Court upheld the registration order of the Subversive Activities Control Board that the Communist Party register with the Attorney General, as an organization, solely on the ground that the order was administrative in nature and that it would be premature to consider the constitutional issues at that time. Thus, today's decision is not in accord with the Court's June 5, 1961, decision involving the Communist Party as an organization and is indicative that the newly appointed Supreme Court Justices have joined Chief Justice Warren and Justices Black, Brennan and Douglas who dissented in the June 5, 1961, decision.

ACTION:

For information. You will be kept advised of developments.

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310)(P*)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON -
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(OO:NEW YORK)

ReWFO airtel 5/17/65 captioned WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR.

Referenced airtel advised that the U. S. Supreme Court on 5/17/65 granted the petition for writ of certiorari in Case No. 265, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, v. Subversive Activities Control Board, and that argument in the case would not be heard until the October, 1965 Term of the Court.

This communication is to advise those offices having subjects whose cases are presently being held in abeyance in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit pending disposition of the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR test case by the U. S. Supreme Court.

WFO will continue to check the status of these cases in the Court of Appeals, and the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR case in the Supreme Court, and will advise of any pertinent developments in that case as it may affect the individual cases.

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The Bureau's attention is directed to the July 4, 1965 issue of "The Worker", page 11, column 3, wherein an article appears which states the CPUSA has found no grounds to reverse its decision (to expel ALBERTSON).

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According to NY 2362-S* on 7/14/65, GUS HALL indicated on that date, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had requested the full text of the resolution regarding his expulsion, and had also requested that his letter of appeal be published. HALL stated the full text had been published in "The Worker". HALL then moved that the appeal be held until the convention and that all other requests be ignored. (U)

DANIEL RUBIN then read a letter from ALBERTSON in which it was stated "The Worker" for 7/4/65, announded that the leading body of the CP had rejected his appeal (regarding expulsion). ALBERTSON said he was certain that a serious blunder had been made, and that he would appeal the decision formally at the 18th National Convention. He requested that his letter be published in "The Worker." (U)

The only reaction was the statement by HALL, "all right." (U)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies, one copy each for New York and San Francisco, of petitioners' brief filed in the U. S. Supreme Court, Wash., D. C., on 8/16/65, in Case No. 3, October Term, 1965, entitled WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioners, vs. SACB.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the "Transcript of Record" filed in this case.

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WFO will follow U. S. Supreme Court; will advise of pertinent developments.

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TO Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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FROM F. J. Baumgardner FJB/b

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON v. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
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On August 16, 1965, counsel for William Albertson and Roscoe Quincy Proctor filed a brief with the United States Supreme Court arguing that the constitutional issues involved in the Communist Party membership registration provision (Section 8) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 are "ripe" for settling and urging that the Supreme Court consider these issues and hold Section 8 of the Act unconstitutional.

The petition raises the specific constitutional issues of the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of association and the Fifth Amendment guarantee of due process and the privilege against self-incrimination. In addition, the issue is now raised for the first time, as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision holding Section 504 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 unconstitutional, that Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 is unconstitutional as a bill of attainder since it makes a Communist Party member subject to registration without affording him a trial on the issue of whether or not membership in the Communist Party is unlawful.

You will recall that on 5/17/65 the Supreme Court agreed to review the 4/23/64 decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals upholding orders issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board that Albertson and Proctor should register with the Attorney General as members of the Communist Party, USA, pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Although the Board has to date issued 44 such registration orders, the Albertson and Proctor cases were selected for processing on appeal and all other membership registration cases will be bound by the ultimate decision in the Albertson and Proctor cases.

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ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals in upholding the registration orders noted that although there are grave constitutional issues involved, these issues should not be decided unless and until the Government sought to inflict criminal penalties on Albertson and Proctor for failure to register. This ruling by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals was in line with the 6/5/61 decision of the Supreme Court in the registration case against the Communist Party as an organization wherein the majority of the Supreme Court upheld the registration order on the basis that it was purely administrative in nature and likewise refused to consider the constitutional issues unless and until the Government sought to enforce the order against the Party in a criminal action. The Government did bring such criminal action against the Party as an organization and obtained a conviction in the District Court. This conviction was reversed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and, as you know, the retrial of this case will take place in the United States District Court in Washington, D. C., during the week of October 11, 1965.

OBSERVATIONS:

The fact that the Supreme Court agreed to review the decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in the Albertson and Proctor cases indicates that at least four and possibly more than four Justices feel that the constitutional issues in the membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 should be faced now rather than after the Government initiates criminal prosecution against Albertson and Proctor for failure to register. This, combined with the recent Supreme Court decision holding Section 504 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 unconstitutional and the fact that the four Justices (Warren, Black, Douglas and Brennan) who in June, 1961, dissented in the registration case against the Party as an organization are still on the bench, gives rise to the very probable conclusion that the membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 will be overturned. Justice White will probably not participate in the decision and, since his liberal tendencies are well known, newly appointed Justice Fortas may well join Chief Justice Warren and Justices Black, Douglas and Brennan who are already on record as feeling that not only Section 8 but the entire Internal Security Act of 1950 is unconstitutional.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be kept advised of developments in the Albertson and Proctor cases.

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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD.

BRIEF FOR AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, *AMICUS CURIAE*

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Petitioners,

—v.—

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD.

BRIEF FOR AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, *AMICUS CURIAE*

This brief is submitted on consent of the parties filed with the Clerk. The American Civil Liberties Union is a nationwide organization devoted to the implementation of the guarantees of liberty and freedom from discrimination embodied in the Constitution and laws of the United States and the various states. We are interested in this case because it involves First Amendment rights as well as the privilege against self-incrimination.

Statement of the Case

Petitioners were found by the Subversive Activities Control Board to have been members of the Communist Party and were ordered to register as such. The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit sustained the order.

Both in the hearings before the Board and in the petition for review petitioners challenged the constitutionality

of the law and claimed that to require them to register would violate their privilege against self-incrimination. The Court below rejected the constitutional arguments and held that the self-incrimination contention was premature, relying on this Court's decision in *Communist Party* v. *SACB*, 367 U. S. 1. We respectfully urge that the *Com-SACB*, 367 U. S. 1 either issue. We respectfully urge that *munist Party* case is not controlling on either issue.

POINT I

With respect to the issue of self-incrimination.

It is, of course, correct, as the Court below has said, that in the *Communist Party* case this Court refused to rule on the issue of self-incrimination, holding that it should await the raising of such issue in a prosecution for failing to register. But the conclusion of the Court below that the same rule of abstention is applicable here cannot be sustained.

In the first place, the basic issue of the impact of the privilege on this very registration statute was considered in *Communist Party* v. *United States*, 331 F. 2d 807, certiorari denied 377 U. S. 968. It is true that a new trial was ordered in that case, but only to give the government an opportunity to show that some one was available to the Party to sign the necessary documents who would not claim any privilege since the regulations permitted action on behalf of the organization. No such escape from the privilege exists in the case of an individual since it is he and he alone who must sign.

Moreover, the reason which led this Court to refrain from deciding the issue in the earlier case was an uncertainty

whether or not, or in what manner, the privilege would be claimed. Here there can be no uncertainty on this head since each petitioner expressly claimed his privilege both before the Board and in the Court below and it was rejected by the Attorney General as without merit. To require petitioners, under these circumstances, to risk criminal prosecution with the cumulative sanctions provided would be a mockery of justice.

That the claim is constitutionally valid can hardly be disputed in the light of cases such as *Blau* v. *United States,* 340 U. S. 159, *Brunner* v. *United States,* 343 U. S. 918, and *Quinn* v. *United States,* 349 U. S. 155. There can be no doubt, moreover, that Congress' attempt to circumvent the privilege by the addition of Section 4(f) must fail since no immunity is granted, but merely a ban on the use of the testimony. A similar ban was held insufficient to bar the privilege in *Counselman* v. *Hitchcock,* 142 U. S. 547. See *Ullman* v. *United States,* 350 U. S. 422.

The law should, therefore, be held unconstitutional as applied to individual members who have, in timely fashion, claimed their privilege. Accordingly, they should not be required to register.

POINT II

With respect to the First Amendment.

If the orders under review are sustained petitioners will be required to disclose their political association contrary to their desire to keep this private. We submit that no such invasion of First Amendment rights should be permitted barring a showing of grave public necessity, and that no such showing exists here or has even been attempted.

When this Court has upheld convictions based on the refusal of persons to answer questions about Communist affiliations before Congressional committees (*Barenblatt* v. *United States,* 360 U. S. 109; *Wilkinson* v. *United States,* 365 U. S. 399; *Braden* v. *United States,* 365 U. S. 431), it has been because of the importance of preserving the right of such committees to obtain information which they claimed was required for a legislative purpose.

But no such considerations exist here. No conceivable public purpose can be advanced to require a person to admit membership in any particular organization, especially when an administrative agency has made a public finding on the subject. Any conceivable public interest in knowledge about such membership is satisfied by the administrative finding. In the *Communist Party* case, 367 U. S. at 96-105, the obligation to register was upheld on the theory that Congress had the right to require an organization under foreign domination to make public certain information about itself which, of course, would not be provided by the mere finding of the Board that the organization was of the proscribed character. Here registration would add nothing to what the Board has already found.

Moreover, if the person cited has denied alleged membership, is he nevertheless forced to recant by the act of registering if the Board rules against him? Does not the registration requirement assume the infallibility of the administrative process? After all, the Board might erroneously have determined the facts of membership. The same problem could arise in connection with the character of an alleged Communist-action organization.

CONCLUSION

We submit, therefore, that the orders under review should be set aside.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The National Lawyers Guild is a national association of lawyers which, for more than 30 years, has sought to advance the interests of the legal profession, to preserve the integrity and independence of the bar, to promote law as an instrument of social justice, and to defend our priceless constitutional heritage. For these purposes, it has frequently appeared *amicus* in cases involving issues of special concern to the legal profession and in cases involving

constitutional issue having a profound and immediate bearing on the fundamental rights of every citizen. For reasons which this brief will make clear, we believe this case falls into both categories.

This brief is being filed with the written consent of all parties to the case, in accordance with Rule 42, subd. 2 of the Rules of this Court. Communications expressing this consent are printed in the Appendix.

This brief has been prepared with particular reference to the case of Roscoe Quincy Proctor, but it is believed that the argument is in principle equally applicable to the case of William Albertson.

ARGUMENT

If the order under review is based solely on the evidence taken before the Board in this proceeding, it violates First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and association. If it is based in part on other facts or supposed facts, which have not been proved with relation to petitioner Proctor personally, and which he has had no opportunity to rebut, it violates due process of law, or the prohibition against bills of attainder or both.[1]

Petitioner Roscoe Proctor has been ordered to register as a member of a "Communist-action organization." In the light of the findings and definitions contained in the Act, this means he is required to register as a person who is violating Sec. 4(a) of the Act by conspiring to perform acts which would substantially contribute to the establish-

[1] The fact that the argument is limited to this point is not to be taken as any indication that the National Lawyers Guild is not also concerned with the self-incrimination problem, which we assume will be exhaustively discussed by the parties.

ment of a foreign-controlled totalitarian dictatorship, who is also violating 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2384 by conspiring to overthrow the government by force, and who is violating 18 U. S. C. Sec. 371 by conspiring to commit other federal crimes, such as espionage, sabotage, sedition, and possibly treason. It also means that he is to register as a citizen whose legal status is in some ways inferior to that of either an alien or a convicted felon, since he cannot work for the United States, for a defense facility (a concept which is capable of covering most of the labor market, since there are few industries which do not at least potentially affect a nation's ability to defend itself), or for a labor organization (Sec. 5, as amended). Even one of these disabilities standing alone—ineligibility for government employment—has been held to constitute punishment "of a most severe type." *United States v. Lovett,* 328 U.S. 303, 316. Though these disabilities depend on the fact of membership, rather than on registration, the registration puts the public on notice that petitioner has been officially designated as a person to whom these disabilities apply. It creates an official record that Roscoe Proctor is irrebuttably presumed (*Aptheker v. Secretary of State,* 378 U.S. 500, 511) to be a person who will commit espionage and sabotage if given the chance. Furthermore, the registration, since it is required to be made public (Sec. 9), amounts to an official government-sponsored invitation, addressed to employers, prospective employers, neighbors, busybodies, self-appointed vigilantes, and the public generally, to vent upon Roscoe Proctor all the hatred and fear of "Communism" which the excitements and tensions of recent years have generated.

This Court has recently recognized that even a requirement that a single request delivery of mail which has been officially designated "communist political propaganda" is

"almost certain to have a deterrent effect." *Lamont v. Postmaster General,* 381 U.S. 301, 14 L. ed. 2d 398, 402. The deterrent effect becomes very nearly total when one is ordered to register as a potential spy and saboteur whom the public is officially invited to treat as a pariah. A deterrent effect this severe amounts to a blanket prohibition of association, which this Court has warned would endanger legitimate expression and association. *Scales v. United States,* 367 U.S. 203, 229-230. The mere fact that these disabilities and disadvantages may be explained on a preventive basis, rather than a retributive basis, does not prevent them from being punishment in a constitutional sense. *United States v. Brown,* 381 U.S. 427, 14 L. ed. 2d 484, 497. And the fact that the statute may flow from Congressional desire to protect national security will not save if it it unduly infringes constitutionally protected freedoms. *Aptheker v. Secretary of State,* 378 U.S. 500, 509.

That such a registration will be profoundly damaging to petitioner Proctor is obvious. Indeed, the Act shows on its face that the registration was known to have, and intended to have, a drastically punitive effect. When an organization registers, the names of individuals are not to be published until they have had notice and an opportunity to deny the organizational connection (Sec. 9(b)). An elaborate procedure is set up by which those able to prove nonmembership in the affected organizations can get their names removed from the official blacklist (Secs. 7(g), 13(b), 13(i), 14(a)). If the Act were genuinely regulatory, rather than penal and prohibitory in substance and intent, such provisions would not have been thought necessary—or even thought of at all.

Yet all that this record shows—indeed all it attempts or purports to show—is that petitioner was one of a num-

her of persons known to the witnesses as Communists who worked together for perfectly lawful and proper goals, such as peace and civil rights, and in carrying on the normal internal functions which are essential to the existence of any voluntary association.

If the registration is deemed to follow merely from the facts shown in this record, then petitioner Proctor, in violation of the First Amendment, is being punished for constitutionally protected activities.

This Court, in *DeJonge v. Oregon*, 299 U.S. 353, unanimously held that the peaceful advocacy of perfectly lawful positions on public policy is constitutionally protected notwithstanding the fact that the persons engaging in it may be Communists—and that this is true even on the assumption that Communists are also engaged in unprotected or even unlawful activities. The principle established by this case has not been overruled or by-passed. On the contrary, this Court has continued to insist that this line of demarcation is constitutionally required and must be sharply drawn in each context in which the problem arises. Thus, mere membership in the Communist Party does not justify an inference that an individual shares all its beliefs, *Schneiderman v. United States*, 320 U.S. 118, 136, or that he shares the evil purposes of other members or participates in their possibly unlawful conduct. *Schware v. Board of Bar Examiners*, 353 U.S. 232, 246. It does not justify an inference as to the individual's specific intent. *Yates v. United States*, 354 U.S. 298, 331. This Court has held that the relationship between the conduct or status punished and the activity justifying regulation "must be sufficiently substantial to satisfy the concept of personal guilt." *Scales v. United States*, 367 U.S. 203, 224-225. It has warned against employing the concept of membership in such a

way as to give rise to a danger that a person "might be punished for his adherence to lawful and constitutionally protected purposes, because of other and unprotected purposes which he does not necessarily share." *Noto v. United States,* 367 U.S. 290, 299-300. In *Aptheker v. Secretary of State,* 378 U.S. 500, all these strands were woven together to demonstrate that making a deprivation turn on mere mmbership, excluding "plainly relevant considerations such as the individual's knowledge, activity, commitment, and purposes," (*id.* at 514) necessarily violates the principle that regulations affecting basic freedoms must be narrow and precise.

There is not a shred of evidence in this record to suggest that petitioner Proctor has personally engaged in, or even been personally aware of, any activities which would not be constitutionally protected under the above standards.

On the other hand, if this registration order is deemed to be justified in part by facts not found in this record, then petitioner has been deprived of due process of law, both because such facts were not proved against him, *Garner v. Louisiana,* 368 U.S. 157, *Thompson v. Louisville,* 362 U.S. 199, and also because he was given no opportunity to rebut them. *Heiner v. Donnan,* 285 U.S. 312, 325; *Mobile, J. & K C. RR. Co. v. Turnipseed,* 219 U.S. 35, 43; *Bailey v. Alabama,* 219 U.S. 219, 239; *Ohio Bell Telephone Co. v. Public Utilities Commission,* 301 U.S. 292, 300-305.

Such a profoundly detrimental status as that to which petitioner is assigned by this registration order cannot be justified by anything short of a showing that the individual is a potential spy and saboteur. We submit that it is plain from the face of the Act that this is the supposed justifi-

cation. The reasoning may be expressed in the form of a syllogism, as follows:

> MAJOR PREMISE: All Communists are potential spies and saboteurs.
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> MINOR PREMISE: Roscoe Proctor is a Communist.
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> CONCLUSION: Therefore, Roscoe Proctor is a potential spy and saboteur and should be required to register as such.

The peculiar feature of this is that, though both premises are required to justify the result, it is only the minor premise which the government is required to prove—and only the minor premise which the petitioner has been given an opportunity to rebut.

If the major premise is sought in the legislative findings, the Act, as so applied, is clearly a bill of attainder. *United States v. Brown*, 381 U.S. 437, 14 L. ed. 2d 484. Since Congress cannot constitutionally determine that members of the Communist Party are likely to incite political strikes (*id.*, 15 L. ed. 2d 484, 492-493 n 24), it cannot constitutionally determine that they are likely to commit espionage or sabotage.

Nor may the major premise be derived from facts proved or found in the Communist Party registration proceeding.

The taking of testimony in that proceeding closed on July 1, 1952 and was never reopened except for further consideration of matter going to the credibility of witnesses previously heard. The Board's finding rested in substantial measure on evidence of pre-1940 activities. This Court has refused to decide the rights of organizations on a stale record. *American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born v. Subversive Activities Control Board*, 380 U.S. 503; *Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade v. Subversive Activities Control Board*, 380 U.S.

513. Surely Roscoe Proctor cannot be deprived of his constitutional rights on the basis of evidence which is even more stale, and which was taken in a proceeding to which he was not a party.

Surrounding circumstances have greatly changed since July 1, 1952. The personnel of the Communist Party must have greatly changed also, especially since the Kruschev revelations about Stalin and the Hungarian uprising which occurred during the interval. It can scarcely be presumed that the Communist Party's activities have remained stable and unchanging, despite changing personnel and circumstances, over so long a period.[2] Nor can it be presumed that the Party's activities have been utterly unaffected by intervening legal developments suggesting that certain activities might tend to subject both the Party and its members to drastic legal consequences.[3] The presumption of continuance is not a rule of law "to be applied in all cases, with or without reason." *Maggio v. Zeitz,* 333 U.S. 56, 65.

Insofar as findings, whether legislative or administrative, look to the future "they can be no more than prophecy and are subject to be controlled by events. A law depending on the existence of an emergency or other certain state of facts to uphold it may cease to operate if the emergency ceases or the facts change even though valid when passed." *Chastleton Corp. v. Sinclair,* 265 U.S. 543, 547-8.

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[2] The record in this case shows that the Communist Party of 1962 operated under the Constitution of 1957 as amended at the national convention in 1959 (Atty. Gen'l's Exhibit No. 1).

[3] The Act does not provide any method by which an unregistered organization can obtain a redetermination of its status, nor any method by which a member may seek a redetermination of his organization's status.

Both the Act and the Board's findings in the Communist Party registration case are based on the theory that the world communist movement is both monolithic and unicen-centered. That theory, however reasonable it may have seemed when the Act was passed or when the Board rendered its findings, does not fit the world revealed by subsequent history. The theory assumes that no country can go Communist without necessarily (almost by definition) falling under the control of the Soviet Union. Yet China went Communist and is not under the control of the Soviet Union. The theory assumes that no national Communist Party is free to reject the policies put forward by Russian Communist leaders. Yet the Albanian Communist Party did exactly that by siding with the Chinese Communist leaders against the Russians. What it in fact did it must somehow have been free to do. A theory which confidently proves the impossibility of what is happening before our eyes is scarcely a sufficient basis for justifying drastic inroads on our traditional and constitutionally-protected liberties—no matter how many legislators and administrators may have endorsed it.

Yet without this theory we have no assurance that there is any such thing today as a "Communist-action organization," as that term is defined in the Act. The Act is not framed to reach *any* foreign domination, or even domination by *any* Communist government. It requires direction, domination, or control by *"the* foreign government or foreign organization controlling the world Communist movement referred to in section 2". (Sec. 3) The Board construed this as a specific reference to the Soviet Union and this Court affirmed that construction. *Communist Party v. Subversive Activities Control Board,* 367 U.S. 1, 112-113. A Communist organization in the United States which followed the Chinese view would *not* fit this defini-

tion—notwithstanding the fact that the Chinese "line" is much less favorable to the United States than is the Russian. Furthermore a Communist organization free to choose between the Chinese view and the Russian (or to adopt some third alternative) would not be within the purview of the Act—no matter which choice it made.

In any case, even if the findings were fresh, based on contemporaneous evidence, and not in conflict with the observed facts, the inescapable fact would still remain that those findings were not rendered in any proceeding to which Roscoe Proctor was a party and they are therefore not binding on him. "The principle which protects a person against the operation of judicial proceedings to which he is not a party is one of universal jurisprudence, because it is the dictate of common justice." *Renaud v. Abbott*, 116 U.S. 277, 288.

The pretense that we are not punishing the heretic for his opinions, but are only guarding against the misconduct which his opinions might lead him to commit, is the most ancient and threadbare rationalization of persecution. It is the very hallmark of bigotry. Lord Macauley wrote more than a century ago:

> If such arguments are to pass current, it will be easy to prove that there never was such a thing as religious persecution since the creation. For there never was a religious persecution in which some odious crime was not, justly or unjustly, said to be obviously deducible from the doctrines of the persecuted party * * *
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> The true distinction is perfectly obvious. To punish a man because he has committed a crime, or because he is believed, though unjustly, to have committed a crime, is not persecution. To punish a man *because we infer from the nature of some doctrine which he holds, or from the conduct of other per-*

> *sons who hold the same doctrines with him, that he will commit a crime,* is persecution, and is, in every case, wicked and foolish.
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> (Historical Essays, London, 1932, pp. 7-8, emphasis added).

It is fundamental to our system that guilt—and merit—is personal. Yet this record tells us nothing about the personal merits of Roscoe Proctor. Indeed it systematically excludes all such material. To try a man in this manner is to deny him any meaningful hearing.

The proceedings under review does not treat Roscoe Proctor as a human being. It treats him as a faceless integer, without qualities or attributes other than an organizational membership. It is not a proceeding in which Roscoe Proctor has been tried. It is a proceeding in which he has been categorized and assigned to a most uncomfortable and injurious pigeon-hole. It is an adjudication, not of conduct, but of status.

We submit that such a proceeding is entirely incompatible with our whole legal and constitutional tradition and that it violates constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and association, due process of law, and protection against legislative exercise of the judicial function.

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APPENDIX

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Re: Albertson and Proctor v. United States
October Term 1965 (No. 3)

Dear Mr. Lafferty:

In reply to your letter of August 2, 1965, I am writing to advise you that the government consents to the filing of a brief *amicus curiae* in the above-captioned case on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ralph S. Spritzer
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Dear Mr. Lafferty:

Mr. Abt has asked me to reply to your letter to him of August 2.

The petitioners in the above case hereby consent to the filing of an *amicus* brief by the National Lawyers Guild.

Sincerely,

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My memorandum dated August 27, 1965, analyzed the brief filed with the United States Supreme Court by counsel for William Albertson and Roscoe Quincy Proctor. Oral argument before the Supreme Court on appeal from the decision of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals that Albertson and Proctor register with the Attorney General under the Communist Party membership registration provision of the Internal Security Act of 1950 is set for Thursday, October 14, 1965, or Monday, October 18, 1965. It is to be noted that the decision of the Supreme Court in the Albertson and Proctor cases will apply to the 41 additional cases in which registration orders have also been issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board.

On October 7, 1965, the Department filed its reply brief with the Supreme Court. The Department's brief argues:

(1) That the claim by Albertson and Proctor that registration would require violation of their Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination is premature in part and is not sound on the merits. The Government's brief points out that compulsory registration is not an admission, much less a confession, of criminal conduct and, in addition, Section 4(f) of the Act explicitly precludes the act of registration from being utilized during any criminal prosecution.

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(2) The act of registration does not violate the First Amendment privileges of freedom of speech and association since it is not a compelled declaration of political belief but merely reflects an obvious fact.

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namely, membership in a particular organization. In no sense is the registrant being compelled to make declarations which he considers false or to make affirmations inconsistent with his beliefs.

(3) The Subversive Activities Control Board was not required to allow the relitigation of the status of the Communist Party as a communist-action organization which was adjudicated by the Board in 1953. The Internal Security Act of 1950 requires registration by individual members of a communist-action organization which has refused to register for them and the finding regarding the status of the organization is deemed binding in proceedings involving individual members.

(4) The claim that Albertson and Proctor should be granted a jury trial on the underlying facts found by the Subversive Activities Control Board at their hearings and at the hearing against the Party as an organization is also premature. Albertson and Proctor have not yet been charged with failure to obey the registration order of the Board and, in addition, it is an established principle of law that individuals charged with violating orders of administrative agencies, which orders have been reviewed and affirmed in the courts, are not entitled to relitigate the validity of the underlying orders at their criminal trials.

OBSERVATIONS:

On October 11, 1965, Department Attorney Kevin Maroney, who will argue the case for the Government before the Supreme Court, telephonically requested any available public source data which would establish the continuing reliance by the Communist Party, USA, on the Communist Party of the Soviet Union as the head of the international communist movement. Maroney pointed

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out that the appellants' brief claims that since 1953, the situation regarding international communism has changed and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union no longer dominates the Communist Parties of other countries. Maroney noted that originally, the Department did not feel this point would have to be specifically refuted but the feeling now is that Maroney should have some ammunition to challenge this specious argument. We have already furnished Maroney public source material which he indicates will be extremely helpful in refuting this point and we are conducting further research to obtain additional data to furnish him.

ACTION:

None. For information. A memorandum will be submitted covering the oral argument of the Albertson and Proctor cases before the Supreme Court.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of an informant's statement dated September 10, 1965, containing information orally furnished on September 10, 1965, by CG 5624-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SA [redacted]. This information was reduced to writing on September 10, 1965, and the original report is maintained in Chicago File [redacted]

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In the enclosed informant's statement reference is made to an article which had appeared in a scientific publication and sent by WILLIAM ALEXANDER to GUS HALL. A copy of this article, which appeared in the publication entitled "Science News Letter for February 9, 1963", was received from HELEN WINTER and a Xerox copy is enclosed herewith for the Bureau as well as for the New York Office. In addition, the source advised that there is a remote possibility that he will sometime in the near future receive a copy of the letter sent by ALEXANDER to HALL and accordingly if and when this is received, copies of this will be furnished to the Bureau and New York.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/20/65

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO:NY)
(Bufile 65-38100)
(NYfile 100-129629)
(WFOfile 100-24310) (P*)

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
IS - C; ISA of 1950
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(Bufile 100-282013)
(SFfile 100-25215)
(WFOfile 100-41555) (P*)

ReWFOlet 9/10/65.

On Monday, October 18, 1965, SA RALPH C. VOGEL determined at the U. S. Supreme Court, WDC, that argument was held that date in Case No. 3, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, v. SACB.

WFO following this matter in the U. S. Supreme Court; will advise of pertinent developments and/or of decision, or within six months, whichever comes first.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/18/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Putnam
1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Reddy

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON AND
ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v.
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

This morning the United States Supreme Court heard oral argument on the constitutionality of the Communist Party membership registration section of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Justice White was not present, indicating that he has disqualified himself, undoubtedly because of his former position as Deputy Attorney General when plans were being made for prosecution and administrative action under this Act. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals had upheld orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board that Albertson and Proctor register with the Attorney General as Communist Party members. The Court of Appeals held that these were mere orders of an administrative board and that the constitutional issues raised by counsel for Albertson and Proctor were premature and should not be considered unless and until the Government attempted to enforce the registration orders through a criminal proceeding.

In petitioning the Supreme Court to review this decision, counsel for Albertson and Proctor claimed that the time is now "ripe" to consider the constitutional issues and the Court should not delay such consideration until criminal proceedings have been instituted by the Government. The Supreme Court then agreed to review the decision of the Court of Appeals.

Attorney John Abt represented Albertson and Proctor. Abt argued that the membership registration provision violates the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of association and the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Abt further claimed that the proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board violated due process since Albertson and Proctor were not afforded a trial on the issue of whether the Communist Party, USA, is dominated and controlled by the Soviet Union. Abt argued that the 1953 finding by the Board that the Party is so dominated and controlled is "stale" and should not be binding against individual Communist Party members 12 years later. This point appeared to interest newly-appointed

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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD

Justice Fortas who questioned Abt regarding the basis for the Board's refusal to relitigate this question. In response to questions by Justice Fortas, Abt made several broad and sweeping statements to the effect that the Communist Party, USA, is no longer dominated or controlled by the Soviet Union and that the Soviet Union no longer dominates or controls the Communist Party of any other country. Abt was not questioned on these points. Generally, Abt was allowed to proceed with his presentation without any extended questioning from any of the Justices.

Department Attorney Kevin Maroney argued for the Government. Almost immediately after beginning his presentation, Maroney was completely "hamstrung" by a long series of questions from Justice Black and Chief Justice Warren on the point of whether or not the mere act of registering violates the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. Maroney argued forcefully but was only assisted by Justice Harlan who on several occasions indicated that he completely understood the Government's position as argued by Maroney. However, Justice Black and Chief Justice Warren continued to harp on the Fifth Amendment issue which prevented Maroney from going into the other points raised by the Government in its reply brief.

OBSERVATIONS:

Although neither Justice Douglas nor Justice Brennan evidenced much interest in the arguments, they, along with Justice Black and Chief Justice Warren are already on record, through their June 5, 1961, dissenting opinion in the registration case against the Communist Party, USA, as an organization, that they would hold the entire Internal Security Act of 1950 unconstitutional. Even should Justices Clark, Harlan and Stewart uphold the Government's position, the issue would then lay in the hands of Justice Fortas. If Fortas sides with Chief Justice Warren and Justices Black, Douglas and Brennan, the decision would be 5-3 against the Government. Should Fortas side with Justices Clark, Harlan and Stewart, the decision would be four to four which would mean that the Government, as the respondent in this case would prevail. A decision is not anticipated until the late Spring of 1966.

As a matter of further interest, Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Party; Arnold Johnson, the Party's Publicity Director; and George Meyers, the Chairman of the Maryland-District of Columbia District of the Party were observed in the courtroom.

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ACTION:

None. For information. You will be kept advised of further developments in this case.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	11/8/65	5/11/65-10/26/65

TITLE OF CASE: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted] TYPED BY: jv

CHARACTER OF CASE: SM-C ISA-1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ GRIFFITH

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/11/65, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This report was prepared to show the admissible evidence. In view of the matter of ALBERTSON's expulsion, the non-admissible information, where deemed pertinent, is being included with the administrative data.

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According to [redacted] on 6/17/65, ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, who was expecting to see WILLIAM ALBERTSON on that date, indicated the expulsion of ALBERTSON from the CP was hasty. NEEDLEMAN was aware that handwriting experts in the Soviet Union had identified a document as being in ALBERTSON's handwriting. NEEDLEMAN, however, had learned from a friend, who is an engineer, that it would be possible to forge handwriting electronically if there were sufficient samples and time in which to do the work.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: (Cont'd)

According to NY 2362-S* on 7/14/65, GUS HALL, indicated on that date, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON had requested the full text of the resolution regarding his expulsion and had also requested that his letter of appeal be published. HALL stated the full text had been published in "The Worker". HALL then moved that the appeal be held until the convention and (U) that all other requests be ignored. (C)

DANIEL RUBIN, according to NY 2362-S*, then read a letter from ALBERTSON in which it was stated "The Worker" for 7/4/65, announced that his appeal was rejected. ALBERTSON also stated he was certain a serious blunder had been made and that he would appeal the decision formally at the 18th (U) National Convention. (C)

According to CG 5824-S*, on 7/14/65, GUS HALL had received information on 7/13/65, that WILLIAM ALBERTSON stated he wanted the Party to know that he was going to disprove the charges made against him, even if it took the remainder of his (U) life, and that he was then working on the matter. (C)

According to NY 3401-S*, on 8/1/65, WILLIAM ALBERTSON told ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN, on that date, that he was going to mail NEEDLEMAN documentary proof of what NEEDLEMAN had said (possibly refers to NEEDLEMAN's conversation of 6/17/65 regarding the possibility of duplicating handwriting (U) electronically). (C)

According to NY 694-S* on 8/25/65, GUS HALL stated he, HALL, had received a letter from WILLIAM ALBERTSON which contained an article from a science magazine. HALL stated the article, written by a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1963, stated there is a computer in existence which can imitate any handwriting. HALL stated the letter contained a postscript which indicated that someday HALL's signature might appear on a letter in compliance (U) with the Smith Act on registering as a foreign agent. (C)

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SA [redacted] observed ALBERTSON on 10/21/65: b6 b7C

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Identity of Source	File Number Where Located
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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow and report on ALBERTSON's activities for reinstatement in the CP.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason) it contains information from NY T-1, the unauthorized disclosure of which could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of the extremely sensitive nature of the circumstances surrounding his expulsion from the CP,USA. Further, by letter dated 12/18/64, the Bureau advised ALBERTSON should not be interviewed.

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8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) prior to his expulsion from the CP,USA, in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the NY District CP. Further, following his expulsion, ALBERTSON declared he is a loyal Communist.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [X] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) of his past leadership within the Party and because of his efforts in seeking reinstatement within the Party.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 8, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 65-38100
NYfile 100-129629

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: William Albertson

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: NOV 8 - 1965

Field Office File #: 100-129629 Bureau File #: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Synopsis: WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 86 West End Ave.,Brooklyn, NY, and is employed at Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Ave. South, NYC. Oral argument in case of WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v. Subversive Activities Control Board heard 10/18/65 with decision to be announced. "The Worker" for 7/4/65 states the CP, after detailed discussion of case, finds no grounds to reverse decision regarding ALBERTSON's expulsion.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

A Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON leaving his residence at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on October 21, 1965.

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B. Employment

On October 21, 1965, an SA of the FBI observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON working behind a counter at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York, New York.

II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CP,USA)

A. Status of Prosecution

The United States Supreme Court in an order handed down on May 17, 1965, granted the petition for writ of certiorari in the case entitled WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v. the Subversive Activities Control Board.

Oral argument in this case was heard by the United States Supreme Court on October 18, 1965. The decision will be announced at some subsequent time.

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR was elected to the National Committee of the CP,USA at its 17th National Convention, held December 10-13, 1959. N.Y.

NY T-1
December 14, 1959.

B. Status in Party

"The Worker" issue of July 7, 1964, contains an article on page eight captioned "New York Communists Denounce Albertson as an Informer". This article reflects that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, by action of the CP of New York State, was expelled from membership in the CP.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

"The Worker", issue of July 4, 1965, contains an article on page eleven entitled "Albertson Case". This article contains the following:

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"A spokesman for the CP announced that its leading body following a review of the expulsion of WILLIAM ALBERTSON, had found no grounds to reverse the decision. The announcement stated that the national body 'having received the report of the full Appeals Committee which it established to consider the appeal of William Albertson against his expulsion from the Party, notes: (a) the numerous and extensive hearings and discussions held with him; and (b) the painstaking measures taken to review all evidence available; and concludes unanimously, after detailed discussion of the case, that it finds no grounds to reverse the decision of expulsion.'"

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New York, New York
November 8, 1965

Title William Albertson

Character Security Matter-C
Internal Security Act, 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b6 b7C

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-42492)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM;
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(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

Re New York airtel to the Bureau, dated 10/26/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy each of a letterhead memorandum, captioned "JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK, aka.," dated 4/24/64, at Philadelphia, Pa. Also enclosed for New York is one photograph of SPIVAK.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum sets forth requested background of SPIVAK. Since the letterhead memorandum was written, no further information has been reported regarding SPIVAK. Philadelphia has no information regarding his being hired by ALBERTSON, but enclosed letterhead memorandum sets forth SPIVAK's background as an investigator for the Communist Party. Bureau file 100-864 and New York file 100-63071 concern SPIVAK, an SI subject of Philadelphia, who lived in New York while active for the Communist Party.

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If any information is received by Philadelphia, it will be promptly furnished New York and the Bureau. In view of the sensitive nature of the source, no leads to contact neighborhood sources on SPIVAK are being set out, unless New York so requests.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 24, 1958

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JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK, Also
Known As Jack Spivak,
J.W. Scott, James Scott,
Mr. Good, Monroe Fry,
Isadore Spiwak

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

Subject is a self-employed writer from his residence located on RD #4, Easton, Pa.

Description

Name	JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	June 13, 1897
POB	New Haven, Conn.
Height	5'7"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Grayish brown
Eyes	Light brown
Complexion	Fair
Scars and marks	Large horizontal scar left cheek near eye; small brown mole right wrist; left thumb nail deformed

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JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK

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Marital status — Married
Wife — MABEL FRY
FBI # — 2605501

II. CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, self-admitted former Soviet intelligence agent, on November 30, 1945, stated that JACOB GOLOS, her Soviet intelligence superior, had supplied funds to the subject. In 1942 the subject made a trip to Mexico and California to investigate Japanese matters and then furnished a report of his findings to JACOB GOLOS. The subject also made a trip to Texas with JACOB GOLOS in the late 1930s or early 1940s in an attempt to obtain information to discredit the character and reputation of Congressman MARTIN DIES. GOLOS paid the subject's travelling expenses on this trip and also gave the subject some compensation for the report he rendered. (U) (C)

On February 20, 1951, Miss BENTLEY recalled that during the period she knew JACOB GOLOS, the latter hired the subject on a weekly basis for short periods of time, paying the subject approximately $25.00 a week. The material accumulated by the subject was furnished by GOLOS to GOLOS' Russian intelligence superior. After the death of GOLOS, BENTLEY advised that her Soviet intelligence contact "BILL" delivered some material to her, which was to be returned to the subject. BENTLEY advised, however, that inasmuch as she had never met the subject and did not know him personally, she eventually returned this material to "BILL" who, she assumes, returned it to the subject. (U) (C)

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JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK

On June 1, 1950, PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with Communist and Communist activities in the New York area, advised that for many years he has known the subject to have a "very strange and mysterious set up" in the Communist Party (CP). He advised he had known the subject for approximately 15 years, and that ostensibly the subject is a writer specializing in "exposes." The subject has been financed by the CP although he has had no particular job or title in the CP.

The informant further related that during the years he has been financed by the CP, the subject has produced very few pamphlets or books to justify the amount of money that the CP has invested in him. The informant believes that subject is actually engaged in some sort of CP activity which is unknown to the informant and to a majority of officials in the CP.

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self-admitted former Communist and Soviet intelligence agent, advised in July 1951 that he first met the subject, whom he knew then and subsequently as JOHN L. or JACK SPIVAK, about 1931-1932 at either meetings of the John Reed Club, CP, or the offices of "New Masses" in New York City. Although CHAMBERS could not say for certain, he thinks SPIVAK was probably a member of the John Reed Club and that he met him at meetings of the club. (X4)

According to CHAMBERS, SPIVAK was a tough and mysterious individual who was known as a free-lance writer, primarily for the CP press, but it was CHAMBERS' impression, with no evidence whatever to support same, that SPIVAK was actually a person of more importance in the CP movement. CHAMBERS was unable to recall having seen SPIVAK since he (CHAMBERS) left the employment of "New Masses" about 1933. (X4)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American

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JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK

Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, cites "New Masses" on page 142 as follows:

> "A Communist periodical."
> (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7588)

LOUIS BUDENZ, self-admitted former CP member from 1935 to 1945 and former managing editor of the "Daily Worker" advised on May 18, 1951, that he knew the subject since the 1920s. He stated the subject was a member of the CP during the period BUDENZ was a member. Also, the subject wrote articles for the "New Masses" and did "underground" work for the CP.

> The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication January 13, 1958.

On May 19, 1954, JOHN LAUTNER, a CP functionary for over 20 years who at the time of his expulsion from the CP in January 1950 was chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission, advised that in 1949 SPIVAK was chief investigator in the New York trial of the CPUSA national functionaries. LAUTNER described SPIVAK as "one of the cleverest CP operators in the United States."

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 22, 1953, that during the trial of the CP leaders in 1949 and again in 1952 and 1953, SPIVAK worked for the defense attorneys doing security investigations on potential Government witnesses and also on members of the jury panels.

During an interview by NKI Agents on January 6, 1942, subject said he was writing books and articles concerning Fascist groups in the United States. He denied being a Communist, stating that he merely wrote articles

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JOHN LOUIS SPIVAK

for "New Masses" as a means of livelihood.

Since moving from New York City about 1955 confidential informants who possess some knowledge of CP and CP front group activities in the area of Eastern Pennsylvania have been unable to furnish any information concerning the activities of the subject.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-34)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129802)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED WITH RESPECT TO DISSEMINATION OF THE INFORMATION HEREIN INASMUCH AS, BY ITS NATURE, SAID INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY NY 694-S*, A VALUABLE INFORMANT, AS THE SOURCE. UNLESS THIS INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN NY 694-S*, IT SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED--EVEN IN PARAPHRASED FORM--IN THE INVESTIGATIVE SECTION OF A REPORT.

(U) On 10/25/65, NY 694-S* advised that on the aforesaid date, LEM HARRIS, CPUSA Reserve Fund functionary, stated that the CPUSA is forming a commission to re-investigate the "ALBERTSON letter case."

According to HARRIS, ALBERTSON has never ceased to protest his innocence, and has charged that he never was shown the original letter in issue. He also suspects ROBERT THOMPSON of responsibility for the controversial letter, stating that THOMPSON "has had it in for me" as a result of ALBERTSON's

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2 - Philadelphia (RM)
1 - [redacted] (INV)(41)
1 - NY 100-7658 (LEM HARRIS)(42)
1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(42)
1 - NY 100-129802 (42)

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(U) having been interested in the past in THOMPSON's daughter.

ALBERTSON, according to LEM HARRIS, has retained a private detective to investigate the case for him. This individual, HARRIS said, is JOHN SPIVAK, an old-time Party
(U) member, who resides in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

It is requested that Philadelphia furnish the Bureau and New York with identifying information concerning JOHN SPIVAK, and if available, any information concerning the latter's being retained to investigate the matter of the ALBERTSON letter.

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WFO file 100-24310 (P)

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ReWFOlet to Bureau dated 10/20/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a proof copy of a decision handed down on 11/15/65, by the U. S. Supreme Court (USSC) in the case entitled WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCO QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioners vs. Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), case number 3 Appellate. Also enclosed is proof copy of separate concurring opinion of Mr. Justice CLARK.

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Special Agent in Charge

Mr. Justice BRENNAN delivered the opinion of the Court, which reversed judgment of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia circuit and also set aside orders of the SACB, which had ordered ALBERTSON and PROCTOR to register with the Attorney General of the U. S. as Communist Party members.

In arriving at the decision, the USSC held in part as follows:

"Petitioners address several constitutional challenges to the validity of the orders (SACB orders), but we consider only the contention that the orders violate their Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination."

It is noted Mr. Justice WHITE took no part in the consideration or decision of this case.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11-15-65

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES v. WILLIAM ALBERTSON
AND ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR

Special Agent Ralph Vogel, Washington Field Office, telephonically advised at 10:30 a.m. this morning that United States Supreme Court, in an eight-to-nothing decision, reversed the ruling of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals which upheld the Communist Party membership registration orders issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board against William Albertson, Roscoe Quincy Proctor and 41 other national and district Communist Party functionaries.

Special Agent Vogel said that Justice Brennan wrote the opinion and that Justice Clark wrote a separate concurring opinion. The decisions noted that although the defendants had raised several constitutional issues, the court found it only necessary to find that the registration orders violated the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

It appears that the net effect of this decision is to wipe out Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 which provides for the registration with the Attorney General of individual Communist Party members.

A copy of the decision is being obtained and will be thoroughly analyzed and a separate memorandum submitted.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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1 - 100-282013 (Proctor)
1 - Mr. Belmont
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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(WFOfile 100-24310) (P)

ReWFOairtel 11/15/65, to the Bureau, New York and San Francisco.

Enclosed herewith for the following offices is one copy each of the Supreme Court's decision of 11/15/65 in No. 3, WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR, Petitioners, v. Subversive Activities Control Board:

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The 8 to 0 decision, including a separate concurring opinion by Mr. Justice CLARK, reversed the judgment of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (USCA)

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which had affirmed the orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) requiring ALBERTSON and PROCTOR register with the Attorney General as members of the Communist Party, USA. The Supreme Court's decision also set aside the orders of the SACB.

In its decision, the U. S. Supreme Court held, in part, as follows:

> "Petitioners address several constitutional challenges to the validity of the orders, but we consider only the contention that the orders violate their Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination .....
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> "The risks of incrimination which the petitioners take in registering are obvious. Form IS-52a requires an admission of membership in the Communist Party. Such an admission of membership may be used to prosecute the registrant under the membership clause of the Smith Act .....
>
> "It follows that the requirement to accomplish registration by completing and filing Form IS-52a is inconsistent with the protection of the Self-Incrimination Clause ....."

The following cases are presently being held in abeyance in the USCA, based on stipulations filed at various times with approval of the Court. The stipulations permit eventual disposition of these cases to abide the result of the Supreme Court's disposition of the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR test case.

The Supreme Court's decision of 11/15/65, in the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR case, reversing judgment of the USCA, governs all of the following cases:

USCA NUMBER	PETITIONER
17493	MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER
17548	ARNOLD S. JOHNSON
17617	WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

USCA NUMBER	PETITIONER
17618	BETTY GANNETT TORMEY
17619	ALBERT JASON LIMA
17620	BURT GALE NELSON
17621	LOUIS WEINSTOCK
17622	DOROTHY HEALEY
17816	CLAUDE MACK LIGHTFOOT
17817	SAMUEL KRASS DAVIS
17916	SAMUEL KUSHNER
17917	FLORA HALL KUSHNER
18381	IRVING POTASH
18382	MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN
18383	MILDRED MC ADORY EDELMAN
18385	WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE
18386	GEORGE ALOYSIUS MEYERS
18430	JOHN WILLIAM STANFORD, JR.
18431	BENJAMIN DOBBS
18432	WILLIAM COTTLE TAYLOR
18433	FRANCES GABOW
18434	AARON LIBSON
18903	MILFORD ADOLPH SUTHERLAND

USCA NUMBER	PETITIONER
18904	DONALD ANDREW HAMERQUIST
18905	BENJAMIN GERALD JACOBSON
18906	NORMAN HAALAND
18726	RALPH WILLIAM TAYLOR
18727	BETTY MAE SMITH
18775	LIONEL JOSEPH LIBSON
19012	JAMES JOSEPH TORMEY
19109	MICHAEL SAUNDERS
19110	DANIEL LIEBER QUEEN
19217	MARVIN JOEL MARKMAN
19218	MEYER JACOB STEIN
19696	HYMAN LUMER
19697	ELMER CHARLES KISTLER
19698	RALPH NELSON
19699	OTIS ARCHER HOOD
19700	LEWIS MARTIN JOHNSON
19701	EDWARD TEIXEIRA
19702	ANNE BURLAK TIMPSON

Boston is advised that in the cases of HOOD, JOHNSON, TEIXEIRA and TIMPSON, the USCA approved the stipulation to abide results of the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR text case on 11/4/65.

New York is advised that in the case of HYMAN LUMER, the stipulation was approved by the Court on 11/4/65; in the cases of MARKMAN and STEIN on 11/9/65.

Portland and Seattle are advised that in the cases of RALPH NELSON and ELMER CHARLES KISTLER, respectively, the stipulation was approved by the Court on 11/4/65.

The Washington "Evening Star" newspaper for Tuesday, 11/16/65, Page A-4, contained an article relative to the Supreme Court's decision on the registration cases. It stated that the Justice Department said today that efforts to require registration of individual members of the Communist Party are being dropped in the wake of a Supreme Court decision holding required registration unconstitutional. The article added that the Department spokesman was unable to tell specifically how the other registration cases (i.e., those listed above) will be terminated; that it appeared one way might be for the Subversive Activities Control Board to dismiss individual registration orders presently in effect.

WFO will follow the above cases at the USCA and SACB to determine eventual disposition and advise accordingly.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: November 17, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Bland
2 - Mr. Reddy

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES v. WILLIAM ALBERTSON
AND ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

On November 15, 1965, the United States Supreme Court, Justice White not participating, unanimously set aside orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board that William Albertson and Roscoe Quincy Proctor register with the Attorney General as members of the Communist Party, USA, a communist action organization, pursuant to Section 8 of the Internal Security Act of 1950. The Court noted that although Albertson and Proctor had challenged the validity of the registration orders on several constitutional grounds, only the contention that the orders violate the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination was being considered.

The opinion, written by Justice Brennan, disagreed with an earlier ruling of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals that the constitutional issues involved in the membership registration section of the Act would not be ripe for consideration until the Government brought criminal action against Albertson and Proctor for failure to obey the Board's registration orders. The Supreme Court noted that Albertson and Proctor have raised the Fifth Amendment issue at every step of the proceedings and to insist that they "risk onerous and rapidly mounting penalties while awaiting the Government's pleasure whether to initiate prosecution" is, in effect, to deny them the protection of the Fifth Amendment privilege.

The decision notes that since the Act provides that criminal penalties may be incurred only after judicial review of the administrative processes of the Act, Congress obviously intended to afford alleged Communist Party members, prior to criminal prosecution for failure to register, an adjudication of all of the challenges addressed to the validity of the registration orders.

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AND ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
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The decision held that the act of registering would expose Albertson and Proctor to prosecution under other Federal laws "in an area permeated with criminal statutes." With reference to Section 4(f) of the Act, which provides that the registration shall not be utilized as evidence for an alleged violation of any criminal statute, the Supreme Court held that even if the act of registering is not utilized as evidence, Section 4(f), which the Court described as a "purported immunity provision," does not preclude the use of the admission of Communist Party membership as "an investigatory lead," a use which is also barred by the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. The Court further held that the fact that the Government already knows that Albertson and Proctor are members of the Communist Party does not bar them from effectively utilizing the Fifth Amendment privilege.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Supreme Court's decision of November 15, 1965, renders ineffective the Communist Party membership registration provision (Section 8) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Earlier, in June, 1964, the Court had also rendered ineffective the provision of the Act (Section 6) which denied passport facilities to members of the Communist Party, USA. Based upon this latter decision, a Federal judge in Seattle recently dismissed an indictment charging a member of the Communist Party with unlawful employment in a defense facility as proscribed by Section 5 of the Act. Thus, the only sections of the Act which the Government has sought to enforce and which the courts have not yet held unenforcible, are the sections providing for the registration of communist action and communist front organizations. The November 15, 1965, decision, however, raises further grave doubts as to the enforcement of these sections. As indicated in prior memoranda, Government attorneys anticipate that when the Government concludes its case in the current retrial of the Communist Party for failure to register as a communist action organization, defense counsel will move for a directed verdict based upon the November 15, 1965, Supreme Court decision.

Memorandum F. J. Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan
Re: UNITED STATES v. WILLIAM ALBERTSON
AND ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR
65-38100

The net effect of the November 15, 1965, decision is to nullify not only the registration orders against Albertson and Proctor, but also 41 similar orders issued by the Subversive Activities Control Board since 1962. There will, of course, be no further proceedings under the membership registration section of the Act and it appears that other than the possibility that the Department may bring action before the Board against the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America as a communist front organization, there remains little, if any, justification for the continued existence of the Subversive Activities Control Board. Additionally, as "The New York Times" commented today, the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice "also has a bleak future." The article speculated that if the registration case against the Communist Party as an organization is lost, Attorney General Katzenbach will probably carry out plans earlier formulated by former Attorney General Kennedy to eliminate the Internal Security Division.

Probably because the decision was unanimous, which is a rarity in cases involving antisubversive legislation, there has not been a storm of indignation which prior decisions favoring the Communist Party, USA, have evoked. Senator James O. Eastland (D. Mississippi) has, however, stated that he will propose that the Senate Judiciary Committee make it a major project to focus the best legal minds of the country on the problem of how to deal with subversion and to present specific legislative proposals for consideration by the Senate. The Senator continued that, if progressive changes in constitutional interpretation by the Supreme Court have made it impossible to plug the gaps in our security laws, then it will be the duty of the Judiciary Committee to recommend an appropriate constitutional amendment. Governor Carl Sanders of Georgia, who recently returned from South Vietnam, publicly characterized the decision of the Supreme Court as "insane."

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be kept advised of developments in the current retrial of the case against the Communist Party, USA, for failure to register with the Attorney General as a communist action organization.

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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ReWFOlet 11/23/65, captioned "WILLIAM ALBERTSON, IS-C; ISA of 1950."

Records of the U. S. Court of Appeals (USCA) for the District of Columbia Circuit, in captioned matter, reflects that on 1/7/66, the USCA handed down judgment and order in these cases, as follows:

"Upon consideration of the opinion and judgment entered by the Supreme Court of the United States in this case, No. 3, October Term, 1965, dated November 15, 1965, it is

"ORDERED by the court that the opinion and judgment of this court heretofore entered herein on April 23, 1964, is vacated, and it is

"FURTHER ORDERED by the court that this case is remanded to the Subversive Activities Control Board with directions to vacate its order on review herein."

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With regard to the other 41 individual registration cases which, by stipulation, were held to abide the results of the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR test case, all of these were, by USCA order of 1/7/66, remanded to the SACB with directions to vacate the orders on review herein. In 21 of these cases, (see those listed in WFOlet 8/12/64) petitions for rehearing had been filed in the USCA on 7/17/64, following USCA order of 7/10/64, affirming orders of the Board. In these cases, the USCA in its order of 1/7/66, dismissed the petitions for rehearings as moot, vacated its judgment of 7/10/64, and remanded the cases to the SACB, as above.

On 1/19/66, Mr. PETER HANAGAN, General Counsel's Office, SACB, Washington, D.C., advised that the USCA judgments and orders of 1/7/66, in the individual registration cases had been received at the SACB, and were presently under consideration by the Board for disposition. He stated that the Board's ruling should be forthcoming in the very near future.

WFO will follow and advise; other offices having individual registration subjects being advised by separate letter.

SAC, New York (100-129802) 1/6/66

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

1 - Mr. English
1 - Mr. Ryan

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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ReNYlet 11/12/65 (copies not furnished to Boston and Chicago) wherein material received from NY 2002-S*, who has knowledge of information at Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) headquarters in New York City, relating to the expulsion of Party functionary William Albertson is set out. (U)

For the information of Boston and Chicago, Albertson, who was expelled from his position as Executive Secretary, New York District CP, in July, 1964, has made arrangements with one John Spivak, an individual who has previously served as a Party investigator, to investigate the facts surrounding his expulsion. Although Albertson's appeal of the expulsion has been rejected by the Party, he intends to present his case to the forthcoming National Convention of the Party. Information furnished by NY 2002-S* indicates Spivak very likely is confidentially advising the Party regarding his relationship with Albertson. (U)

Albertson believes his expulsion resulted from a forged document. He recently advised Party leader Gus Hall his contention that the famous TX-O computer at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) could copy any known handwriting specimen electronically. An article in a scientific newsletter, which Albertson submitted to Hall, indicates Professor Murray Eden of the MIT Department of Electrical Engineering, in conjunction with Professor Morris Halle of the MIT Department of Modern Languages are developing a program of computer handwriting development. (U)

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1 - Document Section, FBI Laboratory
Attention: Mr. Griffith (Route through for review)

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Letter to SAC, New York
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
(U) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
100-3-104-34

On 11/2/65 NY 2002-S* advised one "Danny" (possibly CP Organizational Secretary Mortimer Daniel Rubin) at CP headquarters was in recent receipt of a letter from "A" (believed to be CP functionary Anne Burlak Timpson of Boston). The letter indicated it was forwarded to Party headquarters by one "Tex" (believed to be Edward Teixeira, Boston Party functionary) and that "A" had done extensive research regarding the TX-0 computer. The letter by "A" indicates the capability of the computer was discussed in detail with "Eden" and that the latter ventured the opinion the computer could forge a document or letter. (U)

Undoubtedly, "Eden" is identical with Professor Murray Eden and it is significant to note he confided in some detail with a CP functionary regarding the capabilities of the MIT computer. The following is general background relating to Murray Eden:

Name:	Murray Eden
Former Name:	Murray Edelstein (changed by court order, 1946, Rockville, Maryland)
Birth:	
Residence:	
Employment:	
Wife:	
Former Wife:	

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Brother: [redacted]

Father: Emanuel M. Edelstein, born Russia, 1880 (deceased)

Mother: Rae Taran Edelstein, born Russia, 1891, resides 265 Riverside Drive, New York City (1964)

Education: Townsend Harris High School, New York City, 1932-35; City College of New York, New York City, 1935-39 (B.S.); Brooklyn College, New York City, 1939-40; University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1940-43 (M.S.); University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1946-52 (Ph.D.); Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, 1953-55

Foreign Travel: During period 1960-63 made intermittent travel to England, Sweden, Germany and Switzerland

It is noted in 1952 Eden was listed as a reference by an individual who was affiliated with a Trotskyite group. His former wife [redacted] Eden has been affiliated with left-wing organizations.

New York and Boston are requested to review indices for any pertinent subversive information relating to Murray Eden and his relatives.

Boston is requested to furnish any information available relating to the MIT TX-0 computer which may be obtained without the possibility of revealing the FBI's interest. No outside inquiry should be made of any individual regarding this computer or William Albertson.

Chicago should alert CG 5824-S* to promptly advise the Bureau of any information regarding the Albertson matter and particularly as relates to his intentions to appeal his expulsion at the forthcoming Party National Convention.

Letter to SAC, New York
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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New York should be alert in its contacts with NY 2002-S* and NY 694-S* and other pertinent sources for any information relating to the Albertson matter. &(4)

It is reiterated no inquiry relating to the MIT computer or to the William Albertson matter should be made of any individual other than the above referred to established informants.

This matter should be afforded prompt attention. Any information pertinent to the Albertson expulsion or investigation should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau. New York should consider discreet counterintelligence action to capitalize upon Albertson's intention to again appeal his expulsion before the CP National Convention. &(4)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: 2/16/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-24310) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
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ReWFOlet 1/26/66.

On 1/28/66, the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), Washington, D. C., issued the following "Order Vacating Registration Order" in SACB Docket I-1-62 Attorney General of the United States, Petitioner, vs. WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Respondent:

"Ordered that the Board's Registration Order issued herein on 10/29/62, is hereby vacated pursuant to the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit."

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TO : Mr. W.C. Sullivan

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 3/17/66

FROM : F.J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Ryan

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
COMMUNIST PARTY FUNCTIONARY

A four-page item dated 3/16/66 prepared by the Crime Records Division relating to William Albertson has been reviewed by the Internal Security Section. Crime Records Division has proposed that this item be released to a reliable news source such as Norma Abrams of the "New York Daily News" so that she could inquire of Albertson as to his activities since his expulsion from the Party. It was proposed that Abrams solicit Albertson to write articles relating to the Party's forthcoming National Convention. We do not feel the item prepared by the Crime Records Division should be released at this time or that Abrams should be directed to contact Albertson (U)

As you are aware Albertson, former Executive Secretary of the New York District Communist Party, was expelled from the Party in July, 1964, as a direct result of our counterintelligence action. The counterintelligence action was a most sensitive technique involving the simulation of a "perfect" forged informant report in the handwriting of Albertson. Albertson has claimed his expulsion resulted from a "frame-up" based on a forgery and to this date is endeavoring to be reinstated. He will use any means available to him to convince the Party leadership he was unjustly expelled. (U)

Abrams is well-known as an anticommunist writer in New York City and the "Daily News" frequently carries editorials and articles extremely critical of the Communist Party. If Albertson were contacted by Abrams and/or attacked in the "Daily News," he could possibly convince members of the Communist Party leadership that the newspaper article was part of a continuing plan by the capitalistic press (or a police agency) to smear him. It is possible enough influential Party leaders would be convinced that Albertson's attack by the capitalistic press was evidence of his loyalty as a communist. Publication of such an article

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at this time could result in the reinstatement of Albertson and bring to an end the continuing counterintelligence benefits we are reaping from the expulsion. The article prepared by the Crime Records Division is well-written and should be considered at a future date. (U)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the article dated 3/16/66 relating to the expulsion of William Albertson from the Communist Party prepared by the Crime Records Division not be referred to a news media source for publication at this time. (U)

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Mr. Wick:

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RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
FORMER COMMUNIST FUNCTIONARY

William Albertson, former communist functionary in New York, was the target of a highly successful counterintelligence action which resulted in his expulsion from the Communist Party in 1964. He was publicly branded a "stool pigeon" and "police agent" in "The Worker." (U)

Since his expulsion, Albertson has waged a futile campaign to regain his membership in the Party and to have the damaging evidence against him labeled a "frame-up." Albertson's activities in this connection are a source of annoyance to top Party officials. In their investigation of Albertson's Party career incidental to his being "drummed out," Party leaders learned that he had a reputation for seducing women and that he had also converted Party funds to his own use. In other words, Albertson is strictly rotten, and the communist leaders would prefer that he become a forgotten man.

Since the Communist Party is laying plans to hold its 18th National Convention in New York this June, it would appear that this might be a propitious time from a counterintelligence standpoint to have a reliable news source such as Norma Abrams of the "New York Daily News" contact Albertson and ask him what he has been doing since being defrocked by Gus Hall two years ago. At the conclusion of the interview, Abrams could also tell Albertson that her newspaper might be receptive to publishing a series of interpretive articles concerning the Party's 18th National Convention by a former "police agent" if he, as an exposed "stool pigeon," is willing to write them.

It is felt that any article about Albertson in this pre-Convention period will prove embarrasing to the Party and will be a source of irritation to both Albertson and the Party's leadership.

Accordingly, there is attached a blind memorandum together with pertinent newspaper clippings, which contains background information that Miss Abrams or another reliable news contact in New York could use as the basis for an interview with Albertson and an interesting, embarrassing feature article regarding him.

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March 16, 1966

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Prior to his public expulsion from the Communist Party, USA, in 1964, William Albertson was Executive Secretary of the New York State Communist Party and was a member of the National Board and the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA.

Albertson was born in Odessa, Russia, on May 7, 1910, and came to the United States as a small child. He obtained American citizenship through the naturalization of his mother at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in June, 1927.

Albertson attended the University of Pittsburgh from 1927 until April, 1929, when he was dismissed by the Chancellor of the University for causing unrest on the campus. At the University, he was active in the Liberal Club--allegedly a communist organization.

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For more than 30 years, Albertson was active in the Communist Party in Pittsburgh and Detroit, as well as in New York City. He was arrested in Michigan in August, 1951, on a Federal warrant issued at Pittsburgh charging him with conspiring to teach

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NOTE: This is enclosure to informal memorandum from Jones to Wick dated March 14, 1966, regarding William Albertson.

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and advocate the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. Following his conviction in 1953, he received a 5-year sentence; however, he appealed, and the case against him subsequently was dropped by the Government.

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

In May, 1962, the Attorney General petitioned the Subversive Activities Control Board to require ten persons (including Albertson) to register as members of the Communist Party, USA. This action, taken pursuant to the Internal Security Act of 1950, resulted in the Board's finding that Albertson was a member of the Communist Party and ordering him to register with the Department of Justice. This order was issued in October, 1962. Albertson appealed. His case and the appeal of Roscoe Quincy Proctor of San Francisco were consolidated in an action which ultimately reached the Supreme Court.

On November 15, 1965, the Supreme Court set aside the orders of the Subversive Activities Control Board that Albertson and Proctor register as members of the Communist Party. The Court's decision was based upon the contention of Albertson and Proctor that the registration orders violated their Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY

Ironically, while Albertson's appeal was being pursued through the courts, he was loudly and vitriolically "drummed out" of the Communist Party as a "stool pigeon" and "police agent." Attached are (1) a copy of an item captioned "N. Y. Communists Denounce Albertson as Informer" which appeared in the July 7, 1964, issue of "The Worker"; (2) a copy of an article captioned "N. Y. Reds Oust Aide as 'Police Agent'" which appeared in the July 8, 1964, issue of the "New York Post"; (3) a copy of an article captioned "Expelled Red Charges He Was Framed by FBI" which appeared in the July 9, 1964, issue of "The New York Times"; and (4) an item captioned "Albertson Case" which appeared in the July 4, 1965, issue of "The Worker."

These newspaper clippings deal with Albertson's expulsion from the Communist Party, with his denial that he ever betrayed the Party, and with the Party's subsequent reaffirming of its action in expelling him.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK IN JUNE

Despite the measures taken by the Communist Party to verify that Albertson was, in fact, a "stool pigeon," Albertson continues to deny the charges and to seek readmission to the Party.

However, Gus Hall and other top communist officials who are most familiar with the facts of the Albertson case are not "buying." They feel that Albertson has already done enough damage to the Party.

Over the years, Albertson has held a number of jobs--including waiter, caterer and delicatessen clerk. Today, he works behind a counter at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York City. He resides at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn.

Albertson has exhausted all but one avenue of appeal open to Party members. He can attempt to plead his case to the 18th National Convention of the Communist Party which is scheduled to convene in New York City on June 23, 1966.

Albertson's presence in New York, his continued denial of the charges against him and his relentless efforts to be readmitted to the Communist Party are a nuisance and source of irritation to Party officials. Albertson is "bad news." They wish he would dry up and blow away. But through his tactic of "buttonholing" any Party member who will hear him out, as well as by virtue of his much-publicized appeal of the 1962 order that he register as a Communist Party member, Albertson has succeeded in keeping his name and his case constantly before the eyes of his former colleagues.

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/8/65, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

In view of the matter of ALBERTSON's expulsion, the inadmissible information, where deemed pertinent, is being included with the administrative data.

The pretext telephone call on 5/3/66, made reference to ALBERTSON's favorable decision in connection with the proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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SA [redacted] observed ALBERTSON on 5/4/65, and the ALBERTSON residence on the same date. b6 b7C

According to CG 5824-S*, on 9/10/65, HELEN WINTER, a Functionary of the National CP Office, had in her possession a letter prepared by WILLIAM ALBERTSON which was directed to GUS HALL. ALBERTSON, in this letter, appealed his expulsion from the Party and asked for reinstatement to his former status. He mentioned the possibility of HALL's name being computerized and he referred to a computer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said to be able to copy known handwriting electrically. ALBERTSON attempted to show that a forgery had been committed in connection with his
(U) expulsion. (C)

On 10/25/65, NY 694-S* advised that IEM HARRIS, CP, USA Reserve Fund Functionary, stated, on that date, that the CP, USA is forming a commission to reinvestigate the "Albertson letter case." According to HARRIS, ALBERTSON never ceased to protest his innocence and also charged that the original letter was never shown to him. ALBERTSON suspected that ROBERT THOMPSON was responsible for the letter because of ALBERTSON's past interest in THOMPSON's daughter. According to HARRIS, ALBERTSON retained a private detective to investigate the case. This individual, according to HARRIS, is JOHN SPIVAK, an old-time Party member who resides in
(U) Bucks County, Pennsylvania. (C)

On 11/2/65, NY 2002-S* made available a copy of an undated letter from BILL (ALBERTSON) to "Dear Jack," whose identity is unknown. This letter states the "indications are (from the grapevine) that the commission was set up to investigate all the mistakes I made in 36 years and to find the 'problem'." The letter also states that "one of their handwriting experts (also from the grapevine) refused to say that two words in the letter are in my handwriting. He admits they may not be." The letter concludes with the statement that "they refuse to give me the evidence for my own study and to tell me how and through
(U) whom they got it." (C)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONT'D

Also made available was a copy of another undated letter from "A" (believed to be ANNE BURLAK TIMSON of Boston as the letter states the transmission was through "TEX", believed to be EDWARD TEIXEIRA of Boston), to "Dear Danny", believed to be MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN, National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA. This letter refers to a machine to duplicate handwriting and states the conclusion that if somebody was methodical and persistent and had the resources, they (U) could probably program a forgery that would pass expert scrutiny or at least the scrutiny of one or two experts. (C)

On 2/24/66, NY 2002-S* made available a copy of a letter dated 12/1/65, from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to GUS HALL. In this letter, ALBERTSON makes reference to several allegations regarding the duplication of handwriting and asks HALL to give him the "letter" in question so that he could take it to the authorities at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and ask them to verify his claim by testing it on their "TX-0" machine. ALBERTSON requested that HALL, if he should still refuse to make the letter available, arrange for the MIT test and at the same time, permit him to be present during the test. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the Bureau on 3/3/66, under the COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (U) caption. (C)

On 3/17/66, NY 694-S* advised that he had learned, on that date, from IEM HARRIS that ALBERTSON had visited JOHN SPIVAK and asked him to investigate a "frame-up." ALBERTSON presented SPIVAK with some material but SPIVAK, after questioning ALBERTSON, rejected the case. HARRIS saw SPIVAK three months ago and received ALBERTSON's material which was turned over to GUS HALL. There is a certain part of the story and correspondence which ALBERTSON wrote that convinced HALL once and for all that ALBERTSON was guilty. It had something to do with a young negro whom he could have gotten rid of a long time ago. HALL (U) said that was not so. (C)

ADMINISTRATIVE CONT'D

On 3/23/66, NY 2002-S* made available a copy of a letter dated 3/21/66, from WILLIAM ALBERTSON to GUS HALL. In this letter, ALBERTSON stated he had been in communication with Dr. MURRAY EDEN of the Department of Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was referred to as the chief designer of the TX-0, the handwriting computer. ALBERTSON quoted Dr. EDEN as saying computer generated handwriting modeled on the script of a single person would be difficult to distinguish from the person's handwriting. ALBERTSON also requested that HALL reverse his decision regarding ALBERTSON's reinstatement and stated he had requested reinstatement in letters dated 8/7/65, and 9/25/65. (U)

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [X] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because (state reason) it contains information from NY T-1 and NY T-2, the unauthorized disclosure of which could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interest.

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7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) the Bureau, by letter dated 12/18/64, stated ALBERTSON should not be interviewed.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) prior to his expulsion from the CP, USA in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the NY District CP. Further, following his expulsion, ALBERTSON declared that he is a loyal Communist.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [X] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) of his past leadership in the Party and because of his efforts toward reinstatement.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bureau 65-38100
New York 100-129629

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: William Albertson

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (2)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: MAY 9 1966

Field Office File #: 100-129629 ✓ Bureau File #: 65-38100 ✓

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON ✓

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C ✓

Synopsis: WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, and is employed at "The Milk Shack", 200 West 23rd Street, NYC. On 1/28/66, the Subversive Activities Control Board vacated its registration order against ALBERTSON, who was subscriber to "The Worker" as of March, 1966.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

A pretext telephone call to TW 1-9404, the number listed in the ALBERTSON name at 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, on May 3, 1966, elicited information to the effect that ALBERTSON is in residence at that address and employed at 200 West 23rd Street, New York, New York.

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On May 4, 1956, the ALBERTSON name was noted at the residence at 85 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

B. Employment

On May 5, 1956, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed WILLIAM ALBERTSON behind the counter at "The Milk Shack," 200 West 23rd Street, New York, New York.

II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP), UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)

A. Status of Prosecution

On August 26, 1965, the National Lawyers Guild filed an Amicus-Curiae Brief in the United States Supreme Court in the case of WILLIAM ALBERTSON and ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR v. the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB).

ROSCOE QUINCY PROCTOR was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA at its 17th National Convention, held December 10-13, 1959.

NY T-1
December 14, 1959

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is appended hereto.

The United States Supreme Court, in a decision on November 15, 1965, reversed the judgement of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and set aside the order of the SACB which had ordered ALBERTSON and PROCTOR to register with the Attorney General as Communist Party members. The United States Supreme Court only considered the contention that the order to register was in violation of the privilege against self-incrimination.

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, in a decision on January 7, 1966, ordered that the opinion and judgement of the court on April 23, 1964, in the ALBERTSON-PROCTOR case, be vacated and that the case be remanded to the SACB with directions to vacate its order on review.

On January 28, 1966, the SACB ordered that its registration order against ALBERTSON, issued on October 29, 1962, be vacated in accordance with the judgement of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

B. Subscriber to "The Worker"

WILLIAM ALBERTSON of 86 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was a subscriber to "The Worker" as of March, 1966.

NY T-2
March, 1966

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 9, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to File No:

Bureau 65-38100

New York 100-129629

Title William Albertson

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York. b6 b7C

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Pretext 6-5

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	5/31/67	3/30-5/19/67

TITLE OF CASE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted]

TYPED BY: arf

CHARACTER OF CASE: SM-C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 9/20/77 Classification

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/9/66 at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The pretext on 5/19/67, to determine the subject's residence and employment was made by SA [redacted] to the subject's spouse at their residence. A jury duty type pretext was utilized.

Records of the Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, as caused to be reviewed on 4/18/67, by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

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DATE OF REVIEW 5-31-87
Dec 1990-2011

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☑ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPROVED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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3-New York (100-129629)

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Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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Request Recd.		10:30 INTERC DIA		
Date Fwd.	6-16-67	6/16/67		
How Fwd.	RS	RS		
By				

Notations: 1-27-77

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CG 5824-S* furnished the following information on 6/8/66:

Up to the present time, he has received no additional information that a planned meeting between CARL WINTER and ALBERTSON has been held. In discussion with HENRY WINSTON, Vice Chairman, CP, USA, on 6/7/66, WINSTON repeated the fact that WINTER was supposed to have seen ALBERTSON, but he himself did not know whether such a meeting had been held, or if it was held, what the results had been.

The above information is not being included in the details of this report, because of its sensitive nature and to protect the informant.

The information contained in the body of this report regarding a report on the subject's status before the National Convention, has been corroborated by numerous other sources, which were not used in order to protect the number of confidential sources which attended the 18th National Convention, CP, USA.

(U) With regard to information furnished by CG 5824-S* (NY T-5), the following additional information is being set forth, which information it is felt should not be included in the details, inasmuch as it could tend to identify the source:

On 2/14/67, CG 5824-S* advised that according to GUS HALL, he and the Party are convinced that the "ALBERTSON letter" is a forgery and that ALBERTSON had been "framed". As a result, ALBERTSON will be reinstated in the Party and given a "clean bill of health". Formal confirmation of his reinstatement will be part of the agenda at the next CP, USA, National Board meeting.

Although ALBERTSON will be reinstated, no apology will be made to him. The Party will take the position that for the protection of the Party, ALBERTSON's dismissal had been justifiable. The Party "played it safe", for at the time had ALBERTSON not been dismissed and actually had been guilty as charged, he might have been called as a Government witness in the Party registration case, for the purpose of his registering the Party.

NY 100-129629

INFORMANTS:

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Identity of Source	File Number Where Located
NY T-1 [redacted]	100-129629-1A56
NY T-2 [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-3 [redacted]	100-129629-8135
NY T-4 [redacted]	[redacted]
NY T-5 CG 5824-S*	100-129629-8180

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The informants mentioned in this report as being unable to furnish any information concerning the subject were contacted during March and April, 1967:

[redacted]

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When recontacted on 4/7/67, [redacted] advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning the subject.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [ ] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [X] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
   Date photograph was taken 1961.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because *(state reason)*
the unauthorized disclosure of information from NY T-1 through NY T-5, informants of continuing value, could reveal the identities of these sources and could be injurious to the national security of the US.

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*
the Bureau by letter dated 12/18/64, stated that ALBERTSON should not be reinterviewed.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)*
prior to his expulsion from the CP, USA, in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the NYD, CP. Since his expolsion, the subject has declared he is a loyal communist. In addition, it is noted that ALBERTSON has petitioned the CP, USA, for reinstatement in the Party.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [X] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because *(state reasons)*
of his past leadership in the Party and because of his efforts toward reinstatement.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
May 31, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bureau 65-88100
New York 100-129629

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: William Albertson

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

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   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

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Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: [redacted] Office: NEW YORK, NEW YORK b6 b7C
Date: 5/31/67

Field Office File #: 100-129629 ✓ Bureau File #: 65-38100 ✓

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON ✓

Character: SECURITY MATTER-C ✓

Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON resides 92 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed as a Clerk, Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York, New York. Subject reportedly to have distributed a document requesting reinstatement in the CP, USA; his appeal to CP, USA, for reinstatement denied according to report given at the 18th National Convention, CP, USA, 6/22-26/67, at New York, New York. ALBERTSON reportedly possibly will be reinstated in the Party.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

By means of a pretext on May 19, 1967, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined that ALBERTSON resides at 92 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed as a Clerk at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Status of Appeal To Be Reinstated in the Communist Party (CP)

NY T-1 on June 9, 1966 and NY T-2 on June 10, 1966, furnished information reflecting that the subject had prepared and distributed a lengthy document entitled "To All Delegates and Alternates Assembled At The 18th National Convention CP, USA", dated June 22, 1966, at New York, New York.

The above mentioned document set forth various facts and made an appeal to have a rehearing concerning his expulsion from the CP, United States of America (USA).

NY T-3 on June 28, 30, 1966 and NY T-4 on July 5, 1966, advised that a report was given by the Appeals Committee of the CP, USA at the 18th National Convention, CP, USA, which convention was held June 22-26, 1966, at New York, New York. According to the above informants, it was reported that ALBERTSON had requested to be reinstated into the Party. According to the report, the subject furnished a statement to all CP members and ex-CP members in New York in defense of his position for reinstatement.

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ALBERTSON reportedly refused to answer questions put to him and the committee felt that ALBERTSON had not presented any cause why he should be reinstated in the Party. The committee recommended that the report be passed to the National Committee to be rediscussed and examined and at this time he will not be reinstated.

"The"New York Times" issue of July 17, 1966, contained an article entitled "Former State Red Lays His Ouster To Party Panic", which article was written by PETER KHISS.

This article stated in part as follows:

"An inside story of how Communist Party leaders here allegedly panicked and ousted one of their associates has come to light, along with the expelled official's charge that he could have been a victim of 'forgery by computer'.

"The document by William Albertson, the party's former state secretary here and a former national board member, described James E. Jackson, another national leader, as having vainly 'demanded a confession to the effect that I was an informer'.

"The convention had adopted a report that the New York state committee's branding of Mr. Albertson as a 'public agent' when it expelled him in July, 1964, was 'not found to have been proven'. Persons familiar with the party could not recall this much backing down in any previous expulsion case.

"He said he had been a party member since 1927."

NY T-5 on February 14, 1967, made available information reflecting that ALBERTSON possibly will be reinstated in the Party. (U)

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Certain other informants who are familiar with some phases of CP and related activity in the Greater New York area were contacted during March and April, 1967, and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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New York, New York

May 31, 1967

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New York 100-129629

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Title WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character SECURITY MATTER-C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 65-38100) DATE: 5-31-67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)(C)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re: _____

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Name					
Aliases					
☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien					
☐ Communist ☐ Socialist Workers Party ☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)* _____					
☐ Tab for Detcom	Date of birth	Place of birth		Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)* Clerk, Parkside Delicatessen 247 Park Avenue South New York, New York					
Key Facility Data Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____ Interested Agencies _____					
Residence Address					

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 5/8/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM-C

SOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)

☐ Post and destroy
☒ File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/9/67

Reason for the delinquency: Priority of other work. SUBV CONTROL

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 5/30/67

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

☒ No administrative action necessary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
May 31, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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NYfile 100-129629

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S.T.

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 10-26-66

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Clerk, Parkside Delicatessen
247 Park Avenue South
New York, New York

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

2/20/67

C. D. Brennan

1 - [redacted]
(Attn: [redacted]
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Ryan

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

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BACKGROUND:

In July, 1964, through a unique counterintelligence action, we were able to cause the abrupt expulsion of Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) National Board and National Committee member William Albertson, based on suspicion he was a Government "informer." Albertson was Executive Secretary of the Party's New York District and because of his many important assignments, the expulsion caused havoc within the Party organization.

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Since 1964, the Party has conducted the biggest and most widespread internal investigation in its history in an effort to resolve the confusion resulting from the expulsion of one of its most trusted and efficient leaders. The principal evidence against Albertson was an "informant report" which a number of domestic handwriting experts and the Soviets concluded was authentic. Nevertheless, Albertson persistently harangued the Party, appealing he was "framed," alleging his handwriting was simulated by an electronic computer. Last June Albertson submitted a 22-page brief with four exhibits to the Party's 18th National Convention seeking reinstatement. The Convention sidestepped the issue by deferring it to its National Committee. Albertson made his brief public, forcing the National Committee to promise a final decision, based on further investigation, by 1/1/67.

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

Last week, Party General Secretary Gus Hall advised CG 5824-S* he and the Party are convinced Albertson was "framed" by a forgery. Albertson will be reinstated in the Party

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formally at the next National Board meeting. Hall described the Albertson investigation as "mishandled," and stated the Party will take the position the expulsion was justified for if Albertson had been an informer, he might have registered the Party as required by the Internal Security Act of 1950. Hall instructed CG 5824-S* arrange for the incriminating "informant report," to be subjected to chemical and microscopic examinations to determine if the paper used is the same as was used by Albertson (it is). (X)(S)

(U)

OBSERVATIONS:

The Albertson case continues to plague and baffle the Party as a "cause celebre," not subject to solution. If Albertson is reinstated, it is extremely doubtful he will be afforded organizational responsibilities or that he will be accepted by the membership. He is an embittered man and at this late date it is very likely he may rebuke and possibly attack the Party. In any instance, he may be expected to continue his employment as a frustrated delicatessen sandwich maker. The technique which instigated Albertson's expulsion has proved the far-reaching intelligence value of our counterintelligence action and is a testimonial to the technical ability of the Document Section of the FBI Laboratory, which simulated the document, which neither Albertson or the Party can refute. (X)

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ACTION:

For information. You will be advised of additional pertinent developments relating to this interesting counterintelligence action which has plagued the Party for almost three years. (X)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-129629)(C)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM-C
(OO:NY)

Re: _____

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☐ Communist ☐ Socialist Workers Party ☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)* _____

☐ Tab for Detcom	Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*

Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

Interested Agencies _____ 65-38100-

Residence Address

92 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
January 20, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM 10/26/66

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Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 92 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

Employment:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
October 26, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BUfile 65-38100
NYfile 100-129629

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM 5/9/66

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Residence:

Employment: The Milk Shed
220 7th Avenue
New York, New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 65-38100) DATE: 10/26/66

FROM : SAC, New York (100-129629)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(00:NY)

Re: _____

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Name

Aliases

☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien

☐ Communist ☐ Socialist Workers Party ☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)* _____

☐ Tab for Detcom	Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*

The Milk Shed
220 7th Avenue, New York, New York

Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

Interested Agencies _____

Residence Address

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-34)

1 - Mr. Ryan

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
[illegible] Classification
DATE 9/20/77 [illegible]

ReNYtel 5/25/66 captioned "CPUSA - Organization, IS-C," wherein it is set out that on 5/24/66 a subcommittee of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), met to discuss the William Albertson case. Retel indicates that Gus Hall, Party General Secretary, and the majority of this subcommittee now are inclined to believe Albertson had been "framed" based on the possibility that a "machine" (computer) theoretically could produce a nondetectable forgery. It is indicated the subcommittee will endeavor to make further inquiries to determine if in fact Albertson was expelled from the Party on the basis of a fraudulent document.

CG 5824-S* is a member of the subcommittee inquiring into the Albertson matter. It is believed it would be logical and practical for him to suggest that the original handwriting experts who examined the Albertson "informant report" in the Summer of 1964 be recontacted by the Party to determine if their prior analysis of the document included the possibility it was prepared by a computer. The Party representative recontacting the handwriting experts could make available copies of the articles appearing in "Science News Letter," edition of 2/9/61 and in "Technology Review," edition of February, 1963, which were attached as exhibits with the document furnished by Albertson to the CP. It is felt the handwriting experts on the basis of their experience, as well as their professional pride, will reiterate their contentions that the Albertson document could not be forgery. This information very likely would tend to justify Albertson's expulsion from the Party or at least cause further disruption by further baffling the communists.

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1 - 65-38100 (Albertson)
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Letter to SAC, Chicago
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
100-3-104-34

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Chicago is authorized to immediately instruct CG 5824-S* in accordance with the above procedure, providing the informant concurs that the action would be logical for him to take and would not unnecessarily personally involve him in the event of a conflict of views among the Party leadership as relates to Albertson. (U) (X) (S)

The Bureau should be advised by the most expeditious means warranted of all developments relating to the appeal of William Albertson from his expulsion from the CPUSA. (U)

NOTE:

Albertson, who was expelled from the New York District CP in July, 1964, as the result of a sophisticated counter-intelligence action involving an informant report allegedly in his handwriting is appealing his expulsion to the Eighteenth National Convention. The Party subjected this report to examination by four domestic document experts, all of whom concluded the document was authentic. Albertson now contends that a computer at MIT has proven it is technically possible to prepare non-detectable forgeries and is using this contention as a basis to be reinstated in the Party. CG 5824-S* as a member of the sub-committee inquiring into the Albertson matter could logically suggest Albertson's contention be referred to the handwriting examiners who upheld the authenticity of the original document. Any ruling by the handwriting examiners on the possible use of a "computer" to prepare forgeries will undoubtedly contribute to the disruption within the Party as a result of the Albertson expulsion. (U) (X) (S)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 65-38100) DATE: 5/9/66

FROM : SAC, New York (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(00:NY)

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Re: _____

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Aliases		
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☐ Communist	☐ Socialist Workers Party	
☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)* _____		
☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	

Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*

The Milk Shack
200 West 23rd Street, New York, New York

Key Facility Data

65-38100 —

Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility NOT RECORDED

Interested Agencies _____ ~~11 MAY 10 1966~~

Residence Address

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
May 9, 1966

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BUfile 65-38100
NYfile 100-129629

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON — Special File Room

REFERENCE: REPORT 11/8/65

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Residence:

Employment: The Milk Shack
200 West 23rd Street, New York, New York

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 7/11/67

FROM : C. D. Brennan

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
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(U) (REQUEST FOR SPECIAL HANDLING OF FILE RELATING TO HIGHLY SENSITIVE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE TECHNIQUE)

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Memorandum from F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 7/8/64 requested the file of William Albertson be maintained in the Special File Room of the Files and Communications Division, Room 1315, Identification Building. This file contains information relating to an extremely sensitive counterintelligence technique which was applied in 1964 against Albertson, at that time a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and Executive Secretary of (U) the Party's New York District.

It is noted since 1964, after Albertson was expelled from the Communist Party, the Party has conducted extensive inquiries into his background and matters relating to his expulsion. Albertson has appealed the expulsion and the Party (U) has indicated it may have to take him back into the Party, but to date Albertson remains isolated from communist activities.

To afford the counterintelligence technique utilized in the Albertson matter special security it is recommended the case file on Albertson continue to be maintained in the Special File Room. In the interest of saving space in the file room, it will only be necessary that Section 18 and all sections thereafter, and all other correspondence dated after 5/1/64 be retained in the Special File Room.

(U) Requests to review the Albertson file should be referred to Supervisor David Ryan, Extension 2463 or to Supervisor [redacted] Extension 2467. These Supervisors will then contact the Supervisor or official making inquiry for the Albertson file and ascertain the purpose of the request. If a file review or check of any kind is necessary, such will be accomplished by Ryan or [redacted] and the interested Supervisor or official will be advised of the results. The file also may be made available upon request to Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan, Section Chief C. D. Brennan, or to Inspector J. A. Sizoo.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
65-38100

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be routed to the Files and Communications Division so that Section 18, all Sections thereafter, and all mail dated after 5/1/64 of the file on William Albertson may be properly flagged and handled as above.

Done 9-18-67 bs

Section 18 is now sect 11. Sections have been Consolidated bs

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	MAY 27 1968	3/22 - 5/7/68

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

REPORT MADE BY: [redacted] CONFIDENTIAL — TYPED BY: rgm

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see 190-4011

REFERENCE:

NY report of SA [redacted] dated 5/31/67 captioned as above.

[redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The telephone call on 5/3/68, used to verify the subject's residence was made by SA [redacted] to the subject at his place of residence (telephone number 891-9404). The pretext used was that of a representative of the NYC Telephone Company.

The telephone call on 5/3/68, used to verify the

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED — NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONTINUED):

subject's employment was made by SA [redacted] to the owner of the Parkside Delicatessen (telephone number GR 3-2845). The pretext used was that of a personal friend of the subject attempting to contact him. b6 b7C

The information contained in the details of this report concerning a meeting of the CP, USA National Executive Board has been corroborated by CG 5824-S*, which information (U) was not used in order to protect his identity.

The information contained in the details of this report concerning a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, was corroborated by [redacted] and MM 1070-S*. Because of the nature of this information, the corroboration by these informants is not being included in the details of this report. b7D

[redacted] the subject's wife, (Bufile 100-366590; NYfile 100-107211) is currently on the Security Index of the NYO. b6 b7C

This case has been reviewed in accordance with instructions set forth in Bureau airtel to Albany dated 2/8/68, captioned, "SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS". No information was developed regarding either the subject's age or health status which would warrant changing his SI classification.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	File Where Located
NY T-1 [redacted]	[redacted] b7D
NY T-2 [redacted]	
NY T-3 [redacted]	Used to characterize GIL GREEN

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INFORMANTS (CONTINUED):

Identity of Source	File Where Located
NY T-4 [redacted]	[redacted] b7D
NY T-5 [redacted]	
NY T-6 [redacted]	100-129629-8193

The confidential informants mentioned in the details of this report, who were unable to furnish any current information concerning the subject are as follows:

[redacted] b7D

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
   Date photograph was taken 1961.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and ____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are ____.
6. [X] This report is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because *(state reason)*

it contains information from NY T-1 through NY T-6, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal their identities and compromise their future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense.

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* ____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*

by letter dated 12/18/64, the Bureau advised that ALBERTSON should not be reinterviewed.

8. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)*

Prior to his expulsion from the CP, USA, in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the NYDCP. Since his expulsion, the subject has declared that he is a loyal Communist; he has petitioned the CP, USA, for reinstatement in the Party. The "National Guardian" in its issue of 9/9/67, contains an advertisement by the subject wherein he states that he now joing the ranks of non-Party Marxists.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [X] is [ ] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [X] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because *(state reasons)*

of his past leadership in the Party and because of his efforts towards reinstatement.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 65-38100 May 27, 1968
NYfile 100-129629

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: William Albertson

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)
U. S. Secret Service, NYC

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CONFIDENTIAL

Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 5/27/68

Field Office File #: 100-129629 Bureau File #: 65-38100

Title: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 92 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, NY; he is employed as a clerk at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, NYC, NY. At a CP, USA National Executive Board meeting in March, 1967, GUS HALL recommended that subject be brought back into the CP. At a CP, USA National Committee meeting in June, 1967, GIL GREEN announced that the NY Board recommended that charges against the subject be dropped; that he should not be reinstated in the CP, but that the investigation of his case be continued. At an NYD CP Committee meeting in October, 1967, GREEN stated that the National Committee, CP, USA, decided that ALBERTSON will never be allowed to return to the Party. In a "National Guardian" advertisement, September, 1967, subject stated that he has no desire to be associated with the present leadership of the Party; that he now joins the ranks of non-Party Marxists. Subject subscribed to "The Worker" for 1967-1968. Additional informants contacted during April and May, 1968, could furnish no information concerning subversive activity on the subject's part.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On May 3, 1968, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined by means of a pretext

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that the subject is currently residing at 92 West End Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (NY).

On May 3, 1968, an SA of the FBI determined by means of a pretext that the subject is currently employed as a clerk at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York City (NYC).

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Status of Appeal to be Reinstated in the Communist Party (CP)

On March 16, 1967, NY T-1 advised that at the final session of a meeting of the CP, United States of America (USA) National Executive Board held on March 13, 1967, GUS HALL stated that the subject, a former CP National Leader, who had been accused as acting as an informant for the police or the FBI and had been expelled from the Party, should be brought back into the CP; that there had been a detailed investigation by the Party of these charges and it appeared that ALBERTSON was innocent.

The March 12, 1968, edition of "The Worker" identified GUS HALL as General Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication.

On June 15, 1967, NY T-2 advised that at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, held June 10 through 12, 1967, in NYC, GIL GREEN read the NY Board recommendations concerning the ALBERTSON case: that the charge against him be dropped; however, because there is still doubt, the Board does not recommend that ALBERTSON be reinstated in the CP but that the investigation continue.

On April 3, 1968, NY T-3 advised that GIL GREEN is Chairman of the New York District of the Communist Party, United States of America (NYD CP)

On October 28, 1967, NY T-4 and NY T-5 advised that at the second session of the NYD CP Committee meeting held on October 28, 1967, at the Henry Hudson Hotel, NYC, the main report was given by GIL GREEN concerning WILLIAM ALBERTSON, who had applied for reinstatement in the Party. According to GREEN, there was some question that the subject might be allowed to come back to the Party but that the National Committee decided that ALBERTSON will never be allowed to return to the Party.

B. Evidence of CP Sympathies

The "National Guardian" in its issue of September 9, 1967, contains an advertisement by the subject entitled, "An Open Letter From William Albertson to Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA".

In this advertisement, ALBERTSON states, "I was gratified to learn from your representative that the June, 1967 National Committee meeting had adopted a resolution completely dropping the charges used as a basis for my expulsion from the Party three years ago, although I was not to be reinstated." ALBERTSON then goes on to criticize the Party for not publishing the resolution. In conclusion, the subject states, "It does not make me happy that today, the 40th anniversary of my joining the Young Communist League (YCL), I write you this letter. But my dignity and self-respect as a human being and a Communist dictates that I do so."

"I have no further desire to be associated with the present leadership of the Party through membership or otherwise. There are many Marxists in this country who never were, or were but are not now members of the Party. Today I join their ranks.

"Sincerely yours,

"William Albertson"

This issue of the "National Guardian" described

WILLIAM ALBERTSON as "a member of the National Board of the Communist Party and the Executive Secretary of its NY State Committee [illegible] at the time of his expulsion on July 6, 1964."

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix pages attached hereto.

On April 18, 1967, NY T-6 made available information which reflected that "Wm. Albertson, 92 West End Avenue., Brooklyn, NY" was a yearly subscriber to "The Worker", said subscription to expire on February 16, 1968.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

During April and May, 1968, a photograph of the subject was exhibited to additional informants, who are acquainted with certain phases of CP activity in the NYC area. These informants could furnish no information concerning subversive activity on the subject's part.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

1.

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title William Albertson

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York. b6 b7C

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)

PURPOSE:

(U) To advise of the continuing disruption and current developments relating to the counterintelligence-effected expulsion of Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), national functionary William Albertson.

BACKGROUND:

In July, 1964, through a counterintelligence technique involving handwriting simulated by the FBI Laboratory, we caused the CPUSA to abruptly expel Albertson, then the Executive Secretary of the Party's New York District and a leading member of its National Board and National Committee. Since 1964 the Party has continued to conduct a comprehensive investigation in an effort to resolve questions relating to the expulsion raised by its membership and by a formal appeal submitted by Albertson.

(U) Last June the Party Appeals Committee, after "exhaustive and diligent investigations" reported to the National Committee that inquiries into the possibility of forgery by handwriting computers "could not be proven or disproven" although additional experts consulted definitely identified the handwriting in the incriminating document as that of Albertson. Thereafter the National Committee passed a motion withdrawing the "stoolpigeon" charge but refusing to restore Albertson to membership.

In recent weeks Albertson has been in contact with the Communist Party and has requested his exoneration be published. The Party has refused this indicating it will continue its investigation to determine if Albertson is eligible for reinstatement.

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

The left-wing independent radical New York City weekly "National Guardian," edition of 9/9/67, contains an almost one-half page advertisement placed by Albertson entitled "An Open Letter from Wm. Albertson to Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA" (see attached). In this unique letter,

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dated 8/28/67 Albertson indicates he desires to publicize the circumstances of "political blackmail" which resulted in his expulsion. He indicates he will no longer submit to the "shocking, shameless, and arrogant attempt" to sidetrack the Party Constitution by a leadership which is privately "totalitarian" while maintaining a public stance favoring democracy. He describes the current Party leadership as "never known for its adherence to and practice of Leninist self-criticism," and states he has no desire to be further associated with the Party through membership or otherwise.

The "New York Times," edition of 9/8/67, contains an article captioned "Communist Party Criticized in Ad" (see attached) which comments on Albertson's public repudiation of the Party.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Party will probably resolve this case in the same manner it resolves other uncontestible challenges to its tactics and philosophy...the case will be shelved and forgotten and Albertson will continue his new career as a delicatessen sandwich maker with the stature of a communist "nonperson."

Albertson's repudiation of the Party occurs over three years after his expulsion and on the 40th anniversary of his Party membership. It is possible in the future his attacks against the Party will be accelerated and there is a chance eventually he may offer his services to the Government in an effort to destroy what he now describes as a "totalitarian" organization. The Albertson issue will remain a thorn in the Party's side for years to come and never will be explainable to its membership.

ACTION:

None. For information. You will be advised of further pertinent developments relating to this unique counterintelligence technique which continues as a disruptive cause celibre within the communist movement. (X) (u)

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heinous actions. It's simply that times are hard, everyone's poor, people are being forced off their land, to live in tents on riverbanks or drive jalopies to California a la "Grapes of Wrath," while the banks take over enterprises. In both cases events move inexorably until the protagonists are about to meet their fates. At this point both artists, having been faithful to reality thus far, decide there is no point in continuing in this vein; we all bankers, sheriffs and undertakers are not. The bankers, sheriffs and undertakers, on the other hand, are effectively represented by reality: the machine-guns which come swooping down from characterless po-

lice—make a revolutionary movie? Maybe they want to see a revolution; if not another answer comes readily to mind, namely: Revolution sells these days. Someplace way down in the center of his timid, automated lit-

[illegible] words; the audience really gets angry when the anonymous Minions of Bourgeois Order blast down the Blyth Spirit of the Revolution.

—Gerald Long

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ADVERTISEMENT

An Open Letter from Wm. Albertson to Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA

August 28, 1967

I WAS gratified to learn from your representative that the June 1967 National Committee meeting had adopted a resolution completely withdrawing the charges used as a basis for my expulsion from the Party three years ago, although I was not to be reinstated. I was also informed that the resolution would be published.

Wm. Albertson was a member of the National Board of the Communist Party and the Executive Secretary of its New York State Committee at the time of his expulsion on July 6, 1964.

During the ensuing eight weeks I called your representative three or four times asking why the resolution had not been published. The first answer was lack of knowledge and that he would look into the matter. The second answer was that it was thought the resolution should be read to the members at club meetings rather than be published.

I objected to this since the expulsion resolution had been published in two editions of THE WORKER, had received wide publicity not only in the United States but also in Europe; and, if the resolution were not published, only a small number of people would learn of the exoneration. I was told the matter would be taken up again.

The third answer was that the resolution could be published but I should first meet with a committee which wanted to "ask me some more questions."

You will, no doubt, remember that I was never formally charged and that there was no trial. After I was peremptorily expelled, I appealed the decision from one leading body to another. At each stage I was questioned by a committee. As a result of these appeals, the June 1966 National Convention found that "The specific characterization of Albertson in the announcement of his expulsion as a police agent is, however, not found to have been proven . . . the 18th National Convention . . . instruct(s) the incoming National Committee to guarantee continuation of the intensive investigation into all aspects of this case, and to receive a final report by the end of the year for definitive action."

Now, the National Committee has its report and has made its final decision. But there is another committee and some more questions:

You withdraw the charges completely, but you refuse me membership. Where is the presumption of innocence, the reasonable doubt,—concepts of justice for which you and I and many others fought so hard during our respective Smith Act trials and McCarran Act hearings?

Okay, if that's the final decision, that's the end. But you have a price for its publication—more committees, more questions, more humiliation. No, I refuse to submit to this shocking, shameless and arrogant attempt at political blackmail.

If you want to question me at this stage, print the resolution, reinstate me, and then set up a committee to ask me questions under the procedures established by the Party Constitution.

What you are now doing is continuing the undemocratic, high-handed and anti-Party Constitution procedures used as proof by the enemies of the Party to convince decent people that the Party is privately "totalitarian" while it maintains a public stance favoring due process and democracy.

I can understand the reluctance to publish this resolution. This would be a public admission of a terrible mistake made, a mistake which involved panic of the leadership, action without investigation or consultation to obtain the facts, violation of the Party Constitution as to the rights of members and procedures in charges, trial and expulsions, and attempts to destroy through slander and otherwise a fellow-member and officer who had devoted his entire youth and adult life to the cause of the Communist Party. Now this mistake is being compounded by certain leaders reacting subjectively to this decision and determined to "implement" it into oblivion. Is this not rather an obscene method for "getting even" for past political differences?

Yes, publication of this resolution might open up some serious questioning by members and friends of the Party as to how this whole matter was handled. And this leadership was never known for its adherence to and practice of Leninist self-criticism. That was reserved for the membership and the lower echelons of leadership.

That, no doubt, is the reason why the resolution has nothing to say about the denial of my rights as contained in the Party Constitution as to the methods used to bring about my expulsion.

Your unqualified withdrawal of the charges made against me (police agent . . . stoolpigeon . . . informer . . . provocateur) is very gratifying indeed. It is a complete vindication of my position that the charges had no basis in fact, that I was framed, and that the expulsion should never have taken place. This decision finally removes the shadow under which I have been forced to live for more than three years.

It does not make me happy that today, the fortieth anniversary of my joining the Young Communist League, I write you this letter. But my dignity and self-respect as a human being and a Communist dictates that I do so.

I have no further desire to be associated with the present leadership of the Party through membership or otherwise. There are many Marxists in this country who never were, or were but are not now members of the Party. Today I join their ranks.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. Albertson

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COMMUNIST PARTY CRITICIZED IN AD

Ousted Official Says Heads Failed to Publish Vindication

A former state secretary of the Communist party has paid for an advertisement contending that the party's national committee has "adopted a resolution completely withdrawing the charges used as a basis for my expulsion from the party three years ago."

The unusual advertisement by William Albertson, who also was formerly a member of the party's national board, covers nearly a half page of the current issue of The National Guardian weekly. It represents an open letter to Gus Hall, the party's general secretary, attacking what Mr. Albertson calls the failure to carry out a promise to publish an announcement of the withdrawal action taken last June.

The state party organization had announced Mr. Albertson's expulsion July 7, 1964, charging he had "operated as a police agent." Since then he has fought within the party for reinstatement, contending he had been "framed."

In his open letter, dated Aug. 28, Mr. Albertson suggested that the party's failure to publish "a complete vindication of my position" might be "an obscene method for 'getting even' for past political differences."

Party Policy Scored

He contended that another reason why the resolution might not have been published could have been fear on the part of the party leadership that members might begin to question the handling of his case. The party leadership he charged, has never been "known for its adherence to and practice of Leninist self-criticism."

When he was first informed of the resolution, Mr. Albertson wrote, he was told that he "was not to be reinstated" despite the withdrawal of the expulsion charges.

When the resolution was not published, he said he was then told that there was a new plan under which the resolution would only be read to members at club meetings. When he kept pressing the question, he said he was told that "the resolution could be published, but I should first meet with a committee which wanted to 'ask me some more questions.'"

"I refuse to submit to this shocking, shameless and arrogant attempt at political blackmail," Mr. Albertson wrote. He added this was "the fortieth anniversary of my joining the Young Communist League," but "I have no further desire to be associated with the present leadership of the party through membership or otherwise."

Mr. Albertson, now 57 years old, was understood to have been considered for national organization secretary before he was suddenly denounced inside the party for a longhand document outlining party assignments. One of his appeals said certain other members had asked him to prepare the paper.

While Mr. Albertson was not available for comment yesterday, Mrs. Jane McManus, acting chairman of The National Guardian's coordinating committee, said he had offered the advertisement and would be billed at regular rates, which run up to $175 a half page. The Guardian, calling itself "an independent radical newsweekly," has a circulation of about 30,000, Mrs. McManus said.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100)

DATE: 4/23/71

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)C

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 5/27/68, at New York, New York, and FD-122 to the Bureau dated 3/16/71, captioned as above.

Enclosed are 5 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination dated and captioned as above and 2 copies of an FD-376 one of which is for transmittal of a copy of the LHM to Secret Service, Washington, D.C.

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The source utilized in the LHM is [redacted]

The pretext used to ascertain the subject's residence and employment were in the nature of an inquiry for the subject. The agency conducting these pretext telephone calls was SA [redacted]

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The informants mentioned in the LHM who were unable to furnish any current information concerning the subject are:

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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An FD-305 is included in this letter.

A copy of the LHM is being furnished to Secret Service, New York, New York.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the [ ] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index [ ] Reserve Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the [ ] Security Index Card [ ] Agitator Index Card are current.
3. [ ] The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card [ ] A [ ] B [ ] are current [ ] have been changed.
4. [ ] Changes on the [ ] Security Index Card [ ] Agitator Index Card are necessary and [ ] Form FD-122 [ ] FD-397 submitted to the Bureau.
5. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available. Date photograph was taken 1961.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. [X] This report is classified ~~"CONFIDENTIAL"~~ LHM because *(state reason)*

it contains information from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal his identity and compromise his future effectiveness; this could be injurious to the national defense.

8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*

by letter dated 12/18/64, the Bureau advised that ALBERTSON should not be re-interviewed.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the [ ] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
10. [X] This case has been reevaluated in the light of the [ ] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)*

prior to his expulsion from the CP,USA in July, 1964, ALBERTSON was the Executive Secretary of the New York District CP. Since his expulsion the subject declared that he is a loyal Communist. The "National Guardian" of 9/9/67, contains an advertisement by the subject wherein he states that he now joins the ranks of the non-Party Marxists.

11. [X] Subject's SI card is tabbed [ ] Priority I [ ] Priority II [X] Priority III.
    [ ] Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because *(state reasons)*

See #10.

FD-376 (Rev. 4-25-68)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Buffle 65-38100
New York 100-129629

April 23, 1971

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: William Albertson

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 03-02-2011

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)
U. S. Secret Service, New York, New York

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
April 23, 1971

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William Albertson
Security Matter - Communist

I. Background

Residence and Employment

By means of appropriate pretextes by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on January 29, 1971, it was ascertained that the subject resides at 1456 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed as a Clerk at the Parkside Delicatessen, 247 Park Avenue South, New York, New York.

II. Affiliation With The Communist Movement

On June 26, 27, 1971, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that William Albertson, 1456 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was a subscriber to the "Daily World" which was to expire February 16, 1971.

The "Daily World" is an east coast communist newspaper.

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William Albertson

III. Miscellaneous

During February, 1971 and March, 1971, certain confidential informants who have knowledge of certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area and who have also furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted and could furnish no information concerning activities of the subject in the Communist Party since his expulsion in 1964.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 65-38100) DATE: 3/16/71

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

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SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re: _____

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

Name		
Aliases	☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien	Tab ☐ Priority I ☐ Priority II ☐ Priority III

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☐ AWC ☐ COMMUNIST ☐ NOI ☐ PPA ☐ SDS ☒ SPL ☐ WWP
☐ BNT ☐ JFG ☐ Miscellaneous *(Specify)* _____

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex
			☐ Male ☐ Female

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.	Residence Address
	1456 Flatbush Avenue Brooklyn, NY

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
March 16, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

BUfile 65-38100
NYfile 100-129629

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON

CHARACTER: SM-C

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 5/27/68

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 1456 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY

Employment:

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by WFO

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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OALBERTSON

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attention (U) : [redacted] (S)

SUBJECT (U) : [redacted] (S)

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REFERENCE (U) : [redacted] (S)

1. [redacted] (S) b1

2. It is requested that correspondence concerning this subject be addressed to Chief, CI Staff. (U)

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

(U) [redacted] James ANGLETON (S)

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(U) [redacted] (S)

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Director, FBI (100-180643)

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It will be noted that on page four of the enclosure Schwartz has furnished the names of additional friends from among communist circles who might also have been connected with the Soviet Intelligence Services and might still be connected with same. (S) 50 USC 403g / 50 USC 403-1(i)(1)

(U) With respect to Bernhard Asch, he appears to be identical with Bernard Asch, who was the subject of an SI-C investigation by the New York Office, (NY file 100-92791), which was closed in 1957. New York should reopen this investigation to determine Asch's present whereabouts and submit recommendations relative to future investigation. (S)

(U) With respect to Eddie Kuntz, this individual appears to be identical with Edward Kuntz, who was the subject of an SI-C investigation by the New York Office, (NY file 100-63766), which was closed in 1956. This investigation should also be reopened to determine Kuntz's present whereabouts and recommendations submitted relative to future investigation. (S)

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2 - Newark (Enclosure) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)
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1 - 100-364338
1 - 65-66577 [redacted]
1 - 65-36100
1 - 65-72079 (UNSUB; Chemical Engineer)
1 - 100-387073 [redacted]
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Letter to SAC, New York
RE: MILTON SCHWARTZ, aka
100-180543

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Ian Negenis is not identifiable in Dallas. New York should open an investigation of this individual and endeavor to identify him through investigation at the New York Naval Shipyard.

(U)

With reference to the information set forth on pages six through eight of the enclosure concerning Max-Michel, it is believed that the additional information furnished by Schwartz concerning this individual affords the New York Office an excellent opportunity of identifying him. Of particular interest is the similarity of the information concerning Max-Michel's background to the case "UNSUB; Soviet Illegal Agent Operating in the U. S. Probably During World War II Until Either 1953 or 1954, Who Operated Pharmacy on Broadway, New York City, ESP-R," (NY file 65-21764), in which NY 3549-C* was the original source.

(U)

With respect to Bill Albertson, Schwartz's friend who is obviously identical with William Albertson, former CP, USA, national functionary who was expelled from the Party in 1954 through a unique counterintelligence action of the Bureau, (NY file 100-129629).

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Bureau indices are being reviewed on Harry Winkler and you will be furnished results when completed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (65-38100) DATE: 9/18/72

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM ALBERTSON
SM-C
(OO:NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM setting forth information concerning the death of the subject in March 1972. Also enclosed are two copies of an FD-366 for dissemination to Secret Service, Washington, DC.

A copy of the FD-366 is being disseminated to Secret Service, New York City.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York were checked by SC [redacted] and the records in Manhattan were checked by SC [redacted] b6 b7C

The pretext referred to in the LHM was a pretext telephone call made by SA [redacted] on 6/23/72. The pretext was a jury panel inquiry and the person talked to was the subject's son.

The confidential sources utilized in the LHM are:

First Source: EX-114 NY 694-S

Second Source: [redacted] b7D

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The LHM is classified ~~"Confidential"~~ because of the information furnished by the informants, who are of continuing value. The unauthorized disclosure of this information could possibly result in these informants being identified and thereby compromise their future effectiveness. This would hamper the investigation of the CPUSA and be detrimental to the national defense.

An FD-122 has not been submitted under the ADEX program. His old SI Cards have been destroyed.

The subject's case file will be stripped and the case placed in a closed status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
September 18, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 65-38100
NYfile 100-129629

William Albertson
Security Matter - C

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in June 1972, that the subject had died recently. According to the source, the subject had been attacked by a dog belonging to his son and had been knocked against a wall fracturing his skull which resulted in death.

A second source who has also furnished reliable information in the past advised on July 6, 1972, that Bill Albertson had died in March 1972. The source could furnish no other details as to the place of death.

By means of a suitable pretext interview by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on June 23, 1972, it was ascertained that the subject had died in Manhattan, New York City in March 1972.

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ENCLOSURE

William Albertson

The records of the Manhattan Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, as checked on June 26, 1972, contain no record of the subject's death.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York as checked on June 26, 1972, contain no record of the death of the subject.

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CHARACTER: SM-C

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